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Per an article in our last issue McGrath State Beach has recently been flooded by the Santa Clara River. This is part 1 of a 2 part follow up discussing the reasons.

McGrath flooding creates ripples among local agencies – part 1

by Tim Pompey

If you've driven down Harbor Boulevard recently you may have noticed that just east of the Harbor Bridge water is lapping up against the road. That water is the result of the Santa Clara River overflowing into McGrath State Beach. It's a natural occurrence. The area after all is wetlands and unless there are significant winter rains, the mouth of the river occasionally gets blocked by a sand berm.

But for several local and state government agencies, the fact that McGrath is submerged under four feet of water is a serious problem, and what can be done about it is now up for debate.

To complicate matters, the city of Ventura is discharging eight million gallons of treated waste water a day into the Santa Clara River, something that Richard Rozzelle, state district superintendent for the channel coast district, believes is contributing to the problem.

The camp itself was built in the early 1960s, long before things like the Clean Water Act and the Coastal Act (which created the California Coastal Commission) began to take root. Now it's a federally protected wildlife habitat, meaning it would be illegal for someone to tamper with the sand berm. In the eyes of the park district and the law, the natural levy is an occurrence that needs

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Ventura police officers being sworn in were Juan Alvarado, Chris Bridges, Chad Garrett, Jesus Nunez, Joshua Butler, Michael Barnes, Brian Gregory, Devon Anderson, Brent Underwood, Daniel Strautman, and Nicholas Davy.

VPD celebrates first new officers since 2009

In a recent ceremony at Ventura's City Hall the Ventura Police Department (VPD) celebrated the swearing in of seven Police Officers: Devon Anderson, Michael Barnes, Nicholas Davy, Brian Gregory, Jesus Nunez, Daniel Strautman and Brent Underwood from the Ventura County Sheriff's Criminal Justice Training Center/Academy; two officers, Joshua Butler and Chad Garrett, from other regional Police Academies; and two Lateral Officers, Juan Alvarado and Chris Bridges, from Santa Paula and

Yuba City Police Department who joined VPD in February.

Additionally, VPD honored its 2013 Crime Fighting Police Officer of the Year, Frank Padilla, Public Safety Dispatcher of the Year, Laurel Shelton, and Volunteer of the Year, Lu Farmer.

Chief Ken Corney said, "Although each one of you help fight crime differently, what you all have in common is your dedication, teamwork and commitment to our community. You should

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Our proximity to the coast motivated Freedman to seek executive director position.

Myron Freedman new Executive Director

The Museum of Ventura County's Chairman of the Board of Directors, Richard Pidduck, has announced the appointment of Myron Freedman as its new Executive Director. Freedman joins the Museum from Hayward, California, where he served as Executive Director of the Hayward Area Historical Society since 2008. Freedman will be overseeing

both the downtown Ventura location and the Agriculture Museum in Santa Paula.

Freedman is a southern California native who grew up in Reno, Nevada. He relocated to Chicago, where he began his museum career at the Chicago History Museum. With a background in theater, his stagecraft and design skills quickly led to his appointment as the Museum's Director of Exhibit Design. From there, Freedman moved to St. Louis, where he oversaw a major expansion of exhibition galleries as Director of Exhibitions at the Missouri Historical Society. Later, he was named the Exhibits Curator for Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, a national park best known for its Gateway Arch.

Among the exhibits Freedman developed while with the Jefferson National Expansion was a commemoration of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial. During this time, he also taught Museum Studies at Webster University. Freedman's exhibition work has received national recognition by the American Association of Museums, the U.S. National Park Service, and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, as well as the commercial film industry.

Freedman says the Museum of Ventura County's focus on history and art, along with its proximity to the coast, has motivated him to seek the Executive Director position. He and his wife are thrilled to be calling Ventura County their home.



Pierpont Racquet Club's Director of Tennis Greg Haywood invites the public to participate in the free tennis events at the club during the week of Get Active America.

PRC opens its facilities for tennis and other fitness activities

Get Active America comes to the Pierpont Racquet Club from May 4 - 10 as they participate in a national campaign to get Americans to exercise by opening their doors to the public! PRC Members may bring a guest for free during this time. Tennis Across America is a national grassroots program in its 23rd year, with the goal to encourage good health and exercise through the game of tennis.

You can take a tour and use the club for the whole week for free! (You must be at least 18 years old and have a valid California I.D. to participate). And if you join that day you will receive 50% off the membership initiation fee.

Many fun and athletic activities are scheduled during the week for all interests and levels. On Saturday, May 4, from noon to 2pm there will be tennis clinics for kids, Quick Start Tennis (for ages 5-8) and Drill & Games (for ages 9-12). Adults and advanced juniors can participate in "Cardio Tennis" for a vigorous workout. There will also be available other games and drills. And from 2-4pm there will be some exciting tennis to watch at the Pro Doubles Exhibition Match.

On May 6 there will be a Noontime Nutrition Lecture and on May 7 enjoy member-guest social tennis at 6:30pm; and a fun and music filled "Zumba Dance Party" on Thursday, May 9th at 5:30pm.

Pre-registration is required for all special events as space is limited. Court shoes, racquets and appropriate attire are required. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Call the club at 648-5161 to pre-register and for further information. PRC is located at 500 Sanjon Rd. (At Harbor Blvd. and 1/2 block from the Ventura beach).

Wherever in the world you happen to be celebrating Earth Day (April 22), you can always catch up with the Breeze at venturabreeze.com



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Saturday, April 27th

Garden Tour 10 am - 4 pm | Hollywood Garden Party 4 pm - 6:30 pm

Explore seven exceptional and very private gardens on our self-guided tour, then join us for a Hollywood Party afterwards!

Tickets available at VenturaBotanicalGardens.com, Palermo, the Ventura Visitors Center, Green Thumb and Pacific Oaks Federal Credit Union (check PacificOaksfcu.org for locations).

Admission to all seven gardens \$25
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Saturday, April 27 from 10am to 2pm

VENTURA FAMILY YMCA'S **FREE**, Fun-filled community event!

HIGHLIGHTS...

NFL Workshop - 11am to 12pm

Football workshop with current and former NFL players, Lorenzo Booker, Terrail Lambert and Ronney Jenkins. The three pros will give a football workshop for kids and then take pictures and sign autographs!



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MLB Pitch Hit and Run™ - 10am to 2pm

Major League Baseball's Pitch, Hit and Run Competition! Healthy Kid's Day will be an official competition location where kids, ages 7 to 14, free of charge, compete in baseball and softball skill drills. The winners in each age bracket will adththe 2013 All Star Game! Visit ciymca.org/ventura for all the details and to get your official registration form. A copy of each participant's birth certificate is required to register.



ACTIVITIES & VENDORS...

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- Knuckleheadz Boxing
- Kona Ice- First 500 icees for FREE
- Obstacle Course, Bungee Run & Jump Houses
- Cooking Demo's by Spanish Hills Country Club
- The LA Chemistry Club- science experiments
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- New York Life and ID Kits
- Ventura County Public Health
- Ambulance and Sidewalk CPR
- Green Art Project Station
- Surf N' Yogurt
- Jersey Mike's
- Vitality Chiropractic
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- Macaroni Kid
- Face Painting



Music & Entertainment

Wed. 4/17	Davey Miller & the LA Jazz Connection 7:30
Thurs. 4/18	Ventura Jazz Collective 7:30PM
Fri. 4/19	Ventucky String Band
Sat. 4/20	Stiff Pickle Orchestra 9PM
Sun. 4/21	Teresa Russell 5PM
Tues. 4/23	Catfish & Doug Blues Swing Jam-Open Mic 8PM
Wed. 4/24	Davey Miller & the LA Jazz Connection 7:30
Thurs. 4/25	Bill Macpherson & Tommy Marsh 7:30
Fri. 4/26	Tre Coustics 9PM
Sat. 4/27	Funkyard/Deep Pockets W/ Doug Johnson
Sun. 4/28	Native Vibe 5PM
Tues. 4/30	Catfish & Doug Blues Swing Jam-Open Mic 8PM

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at the Barranca Vista Center, 7050 Ralston Street, in Ventura unless otherwise stated.

Line Dance with a Twist 18 years-Adult

4/22-5/22 M/W 1:00-2:00 pm \$60

Line dance with a twist of salsa, ballroom and jazz. Great exercise, great fun. Some dance experience recommended. Instructor Jackie Ringhof. Course #33655.

Meditation for Mind & Body Health 18 years-Adult

4/22-5/20 Mon. 7:30-8:30 pm \$69

Anyone can learn to meditate; regularity is the key as well as finding which type of meditation is best for you. Instructor Kimberly Wulfert, PhD Psychologist. Course #33889.

Ballroom Dancing 13 years-Adult

4/23-5/28 Tues. 7:15-8:15 pm \$45

Put your shoes on and dance to mad hot ballroom. Learn waltz, fox trot, swing and rumba! No partner needed. Instructors Ed & Carol Gafford. Course #33669

Heat Up the Night Latin Dance Workshops 13 years-Adult

4/23-5/28 Tues. 8:15-9:15 pm \$45

Learn sensuous and steamy Latin dances in six weeks. Instructors Ed & Carol Gafford. Course #33665.

Teddy Bear Yoga for Mommie & Me 2 months-2 years

4/23-5/28 Tues. 10-10:45 am \$60

Moms try this yoga class with your little one. Learn baby massage plus poses to soothe the colic and digestion. Instructor Valerie Pike. Course #33617.

AM Level I Yoga

18 years-Adult

4/23-5/14 Tuesday 9-10 am \$48

Intro class for adults wanting to learn basic poses and breathing. Postures presented are easy to follow and deeply relaxing. Bring a yoga mat. Instructor Valerie Pike. Course# 33224

Lotus Angels Kids Yoga

4-9 years

4/25-5/30 Thursday 3-4 pm \$60

Lift your heart and stretch, promoting flexibility, coordination and breath control in these themed yoga poses. Bring a yoga mat. Girls are recommended to braid their hair or put in ponytail. No jeans. Instructor Valerie Pike. Course #33620.

Selling Your Photography Workshop 14 years-Adult

4/27 Saturday 3:00-7:00 \$80

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Beginning Dog Agility 14 years-Adult

4/28-6/23 Sun. 11 am-12 pm \$100

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Urban Style Hip Hop

7-18 years

4/30-6/4 Tues. 6:15-7:00 pm \$60

Students will learn basic and intermediate "locking" techniques while grooving to 70s & 80s R & B funk music. New skills and routines will be taught every session. Instructor Steven Quintin. Course #33693.

Final two weeks to get your Kids Swap

Meet applications. Deadline is April 30. The Kids Swap meet is Saturday, May 11, 9am-1pm, Barranca Vista Park. \$15 for a 10 x 10 space. Gently used kids items only. Call 654-7552 to reserve your space before it's too late.

VPD celebrates new officers

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be proud of this recognition by your peers and community and we are truly grateful for your service."

Also officers Nick Edwards, Cameron Goettsche, Joseph Metz and Public Safety Dispatcher Jeanne Hughes were recognized for 5 years of service, Corporals David Ruggiero, Sarah Starr, Casey Sutherland and Officers Todd Hourigan, Karl Reyes and Daniel Stegner for ten years of service, and Officer Jesus Quezada for 15 years of service.

Due to the economic downturn in recent years the swearing in of the new recruits/officers marks the first time since February of 2009 that VPD has had the privilege of graduating individuals from the Academy.

Chief Corney stated, "I would like to congratulate VPD's newest crime fighters. I know the journey you have come through has been tough and all of us at the VPD, and within our community, are proud of you and the commitment and sacrifice you have made to help make Ventura a better place to live."

The newly graduated officers completed twenty-three weeks of intensive training through the Sheriff's and regional Academies and will now take part in an internal four to six month Field Training program.

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City of Ventura Classes

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



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Sheldon (Governor) Brown
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■ Financed largely by state and federal grants, and as part of Ventura's master bicycle plan a bridge has been constructed joining a bike path and the Community Park located off Kimball Road.

The bridge is part of the Harmon Barranca bike path project which is used by many students of Buena High School, Balboa Middle School and Mound Elementary Schools. This is wonderful as it creates a safe access to school and encourages bicycle riding.

Even though I think that Ventura's emphasis on becoming a very bike friendly city is wonderful it still makes me nervous to be driving right next to, and passing bikes on our major streets. The new green designated bike lanes do help but it still makes me nervous. Many bike riders seem to feel much too safe driving in bike designated lanes, perhaps feeling that if they are hit being "in the right" somehow they won't be hurt if hit. It's like the idiots that text while crossing the street in a crosswalk and never look up as they cross as if the white lines are thick concrete walls.

■ I had previously stated that the salary of our new city manager to be \$260,000 but apparently his base salary is \$220,000 which, even though higher than some cities still compares favorably to other local city managers. The salary of the new city manager of Simi Valley will be \$200,000.00.

It is hoped that his leadership (and cost saving recommendations) will more than make up for what some still consider being his excessive salary.

■ Congratulations go out to Ventura's Buena High School, Cabrillo Middle School and El Camino High School for being selected among the state's 218 schools being designated as a California Distinguished School.

This program recognizes schools that have made progress in narrowing the academic achievement gap. To apply for this honor schools must meet a variety of eligibility criteria including accountability measures.

Mailbox

move back. Keeping up with your Breeze has become a big part of the reason why that may become a reality.

Just one thing ... don't change a thing. Your writing is genuine, and doesn't seem to cater to any "special interests" or "lobby groups". Advertising is great and probably keeps your lights on, but please don't ever let your contributors guide the direction of the Breeze. Its one of the few gems left.

Jason

Dear Editor,

Although I don't believe Ventura has problems as serious as the Cities of Bell and Stockton, there are serious problems nonetheless. As we ramp up toward City Council election this November, some of these issues need to be addressed.

The review of some contracts and the audit of our spending is a good start. The council needs to be making decisions for the benefit of residents and business and not special interests. Luckily, financial and contractual information including campaign donations are public information that can be obtained by freedom of information requests.

My Facebook page "Watchdog

Tom Torlakson, the state's school chief, stated, "These schools have gone the extra mile to provide high-quality instruction that puts their students on the right path toward career and college."

The variety of the choice of schools in Ventura is really wonderful and gives all students the opportunity to do well in school.

■ Applications are now available for Ventura Social Services Task Force Granting Program which is dedicated to ending homelessness in the City of Ventura. The Ventura Social Services Task



These signs will not keep bike riders safe unless you respect their driving rights and are careful when passing them.

Force is taking applications for their 2013 Granting Program through May 16. Grant applications and information are available online at www.vsstf.org.

The VSSTF granting program is specifically designed to support organizations that implement activities associated with the 10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness. Applications are due May 16, at Ventura City Hall, Room 218.

For questions about the granting contact Peter Brown, community services manager, at 658-4707 or pbrown@cityofventura.net.

■ Kaiser Permanente has awarded a \$150,000 grant towards the proposed Kellogg Park to be located at Ventura Avenue and Kellogg Street in West Ventura. The award went to the Trust for Public Land.

According to Elena Brokaw, director of parks, the city and trust will hold a sign-raising (not to be confused with ground-

breaking) ceremony at the site on April 24, at 10:15am. The public is invited.

The Trust for Public Land, is a nonprofit land conservation organization and the nation's leader in creating city parks and raising money to conserve local open space for neighborhoods and communities.

The city council voted to buy the property for \$1.1 million in February with \$500,000 coming from its park fund and the trust agreed to pay the rest upfront and to lease the land to Ventura for \$32,500 per year.

■ There has been a lot of talk recently about the amendments to the United States Constitution, the first 10 of which are known collectively as the Bill of Rights, there have been many added since.

Here are a few of my favorites that might show that these amendments might have limited meaning today.

Amendment II

A well regulated Militia being necessary to a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Well regulated simply means well controlled, and has always done so, at least since late Middle English (around 1450-1550).

Militia: "An organization of citizens with limited military training who are available for emergency service, usually for local defense." Well at least a lady with a gun under her pillow has limited military training so she qualifies.

Amendment III

Nosoldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner; nor in any time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

So the next time a soldier knocks on your door and wants a room for the night you don't need to let them in. This is good to know.

Amendment VII

In Suits of common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

So the next time that you have a dispute over your \$25.00 lunch bill at a local fine restaurant you can take it to court and demand a jury trial.

Hi there,

I assume I'm reaching Sheldon with this note. If not, it's just the same. You guys do a great job with the Breeze! We lived in Ventura from 2007-12 and absolutely loved reading our local goings-on. Even though we moved to Thousand Oaks a year ago, we still miss our "V-town". Every chance we get, we head back to hit up the Saturday Farmer's Market, take a stroll on the beach, or go for a hike at Arroyo Verde park. And every time we're there, we grab the latest Breeze. It always hits the spot, and helps us stay in touch with our beloved Ventura. As a matter of fact, we miss it so much that we may pack everything up again and

Ventura," is how I am doing it. Sound, transparent policy-making coupled with fiscal responsibility should be the calling card of anyone elected this fall. "Do what is good and right for Ventura in order to maintain our rare quality of life; the future of our great city is at stake."

Randall Richman.

There has been much concern with the Pierpont community regarding the recent events at the Motel 6 on Harbor regarding a police shooting and injuries to two of our police officers. This is a small part of correspondence between concerned citizens and Motel 6 management.

Dear Mr. Glover (Safety and Security G6 Hospitality LLC)

Within our community many, many discussions have taken place, and continue to take place, regarding how to solve our problems with your motel and the clientele. Certainly Tom Bodet would not want his name associated with the

kinds of activities occurring under the aegis of Motel 6.

Comments left on tripadvisor.com regarding bed bugs, unclean sheets, noxious odors, filthy toilets and bathrooms should have triggered some kind of interest by those in charge of that particular motel.

The "management", if one could with confidence use that term, are rude, unprofessional and have no interpersonal skills with which to handle complaints from neighbors. To suggest that a neighbor "...move if they don't like it", cannot possibly be what you would expect from an employee. I would fire an employee that got anywhere near that kind of statement.

I think it is safe to say that these management people you have on staff did not grow up in a home, as you and I did, where "please", "thank you" and the concept of common courtesy was

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No one knows what he can do until he tries.

– Syrus



Community Events



At the Museum's community celebration, in honor of the Museum's 100th birthday Evin Brown was able to meet master woodworker Gene West who was there with his amazing wooden toys.

Museum of Ventura County film documents Chumash stories

Six Generations is a film documenting the personal stories of several generations of women in the Barbareño Chumash family. The film and discussion will take place in the Museum of Ventura County's Martin V. & Martha K. Smith Pavilion at 2:00 p.m. on April 28. In the film, Ernestine DeSoto chronicles family stories dating back to her great-great-great grandmother, who was born in a Chumash village in Santa Barbara the year the Spanish arrived.

The film gives great insight to the lives of the Chumash through the use of rare, historic photographs and audio recordings. *Six Generations* was written

by Ernestine DeSoto and John Johnson, Ph.D., Curator of Anthropology at the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History.

The event will begin with a welcome from Chumash elder, Julie Tumamait-Stenslie. The film will be followed with a question and answer period with DeSoto, Johnson, and director Paul Goldsmith. Entrance is \$5.00 and includes admission to all Museum exhibits. No cost for Museum members.

For more museum information go to www.venturamuseum.org or call 653-0323.

VBG offers events and honors Lea Anderson

The Ventura Botanical Gardens invites you to celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 20 with a special trail walk in Grant Park from 10 am to noon. Botanist and VBG board member Joe Cahill, Ph.D., will describe the plans for the gardens, and discuss spring wildflowers and other plants present along the trail.

Meet in the upper parking lot behind City Hall on Poli Street and will take the place of the regular 4th Saturday Grant Park walk.

As an added treat, Ventura Earth Day Eco Fest is giving each trail walk participant two tickets for its raffle of items totaling \$10,000. After your walks, you'll have the rest of the afternoon to join their festivities at Promenade Park.

And Ventura Botanical Gardens' Fifth Annual Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, April 27. The fundraiser, open from 10 am to 4pm, includes 7 beautiful gardens at private homes in Ventura. Following the Garden Tour, from 4 to 6:30 pm, is a Hollywood-themed Garden Party featuring both silent and live auctions.

The seven stunning gardens showcase a variety of garden styles. Docents will be on hand to answer your questions and some gardens will include educational

forums. When you've finished viewing the seven spectacular gardens, you'll definitely want to head to the Hollywood Garden Party. The Spring Garden Tour is \$25 and the Hollywood Garden Party is \$40 or both events for \$60.

And in honor of member Lea Anderson's devoted efforts on its behalf, the Ventura Botanical Gardens has created the Lea Anderson Volunteer of the Year Award. Lea has worked with many public and private gardens and in the last several years has generously committed her varied talents to numerous aspects of the development of the Gardens.

Lea has been with the county of Ventura's IT Services Department since 2007 and prior to that was an educator. The VBG has hundreds of volunteers who work on special events and other projects. To join this great group of men and women, please write to volunteer@VenturaBotanicalGardens.com.

Ventura Music Festival presents Petrit Çeku

The lyrical, soulful melodies of Yugoslavian musician Petrit Çeku will enrapture audiences when he performs for the Ventura Music Festival. His distinctly evocative sound will echo throughout the chambers at Ventura's Community Presbyterian Church.

"Until you've heard Petrit play, it's hard to embrace how technically flawless a guitarist can be," said Nuvi Mehta. "His performances are so moving and the ambiance of the church setting

provides the perfect atmosphere for the transcendent quality of his music."

Petrit Çeku has received numerous awards and won a slew of competitions for classical guitar. Most recently, he won the Gold Medal at the 2012 Christopher Parkening International Guitar Competition. Other wins include the Andres Segovia Competition, the Emilio Pujol Guitar Competition, and the Michele Pittaluga Guitar Competition.

Born in Kosovo he graduated from the Zagreb Music Academy in 2008 then honed his skills as a soloist at Baltimore's Peabody Conservatory. Petrit will perform works by Manuel de Falla, William Walton, Manuel Ponce, Giulio Regondi, and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco.

Saturday, May 4th at 8pm at Community Presbyterian Church, 1555 Poli Street.

Tickets to Petrit Çeku are on sale now for \$40 to \$15 at venturamusicfestival.org, or call 648-3146.

Fundraiser for Project Understanding

On Thursday, April 25, Project Understanding will hold its annual fundraising breakfast event entitled Hope Worth Giving. It will be held at the Ventura Crown Plaza beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the doors opening for registration at 7:00 a.m.

Project Understanding grew out of the concerns of local clergy who believed that they could do more collectively than they could do individually. The agency has, for more than a quarter century, provided food to hungry people, assisted homeless families make the transition back to self-sufficiency, and helped children from low-income families succeed in their education.

"Please join us on April 25th, as we share community stories of hope and transformation. You will hear from actual clients who moved from homelessness to self-sufficiency," says Executive Director, Jim Duran.

Proceeds from this event will go to fund case management for Tender Life Maternity Home, Transition House Program and The Homeless to Home (H2H) program.

Seating is limited. To RSVP, please contact Kathy Donofrio at 652-1326 ext. 829 or via email at kdonofrio@projectunderstanding.org. Parking will be validated.

Project Understanding is located at 43 E. Vince Street in Ventura. For more information www.projectunderstanding.org or call 652-1326.

Foster Library is much more

Apr. 22: Computer classes @ Foster, Q&A – A drop-in session focused on helping with computer skills. Level: Any Classes are free and open to the public, 11:00-11:45 for more information call 648-2716.

Apr. 24: CSU Channel Islands Jack Reilly Evolution of Surfing and the Culture Surrounding It. Professor Jack Reilly attributes his career as an artist largely to surfing. He began surfing in the mid-1960s at the age of 14. Later, as a surf shop owner and board painter, he

discovered his love for art, prompting him to leave the beach to study painting in Paris and earn his M.F.A. at Florida State University. Reilly is an internationally renowned artist, widely recognized as one of the key players in the Los Angeles art scene and the "Abstract Illusionism" movement. Throughout Reilly's 47 years of surfing, he has observed many cultural shifts, from the surfer as "outlaw" to the worldwide acceptance and professionalism of the sport. Reilly will also discuss how innovative technologies are involved in the production of surfing equipment.

Apr. 29: Computer classes @ Foster, 5th Monday! The library is proud to offer. *Apps*, a closer look at apps. Level: Any. Classes are free and open to the public, 11:00-11:45 for more information call 648-2716.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

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

Would you like to meet new friends? Do you need more than tweeting or blogging to express what's on your mind? Whatever the reason, **Ventura's Conversation Group** is the right outlet for you. This eclectic group meets **Wednesdays** from 4p.m. to 6p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara Street. People of all ethnicities, education, incomes, personalities, and interests are welcome. No topic is off limits.

Apr. 18: On Thursday, the public is invited to attend a free live simulcast of **TEDMED Live**, an annual conference focusing on health and medicine originating from the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C. sponsored by Community Memorial Health System.

The intent of the conference has been described as "a gathering of geniuses" that brings together innovative, thoughtful pioneers of healthcare technology, media, and entertainment to learn from one another and mix people up from different disciplines and industries to solve big problems in healthcare.

TEDMED Live will be held at the Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main Street and consists of three sessions including a variety of topics and presenters.

For more detailed information on topics, speakers and their bios go to www.cmhshealth.org/tedmed.

Apr. 20: Ventura County Genealogical Society Meeting. Come and mingle with fellow family researchers and learn something new to help you in your family history research. Meetings are free from 1p.m. to 4p.m., 3501 Loma Vista Road (at Mills Road).

For more info call 626-0209 or visit www.venturacogensoc.org.

Apr. 20: Ventura – Ojai Century Ride presents, beachfront trails, mountain views, and scenic backdrops make Ventura a "go-to" destination for runners and cyclists looking for fun, challenging, or beautiful races. With 5 routes from which to choose, the Ventura-Ojai Century Ride has a desirable distance for every cyclist, including a 10 mile Family



Community Events

Ride, 30 mile Fun Ride, Metric Century Ride (64 miles), Full Century Ride (100 miles), or the Double Metric Century Ride (128 miles). Register by March 15 and receive a free goodie bag. There will be an after party with food, music, and good times. Visit <http://www.venturaojacentury.com/> for more information.

Apr. 23: Recent changes in the law now support fostering young people up to their 21st 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. There are over 600 children in Ventura County that need a foster home. Become a foster parent, it's quite possibly the best thing one human can do for another. This month's event is Tuesday, from 6p.m. to 8p.m. at the Human Services Agency of Ventura County (855 Partridge Dr., Ventura). Call 654-3456 or go to vchsa.org/foster for more dates and an online meeting option.

Apr. 26: Mothers are the pillars and primary caregivers in our lives and the community. Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association will honor Nancy Borchard and remember Deborah "Deedee" Busch at a **Mother's Day Luncheon**, Friday, at the Las Posas Country Club in Camarillo. The event's emcee will be Dr. Marc Wolfsohn. Musical guests the Harmony Channel Quartet will also perform.

Individual tickets are available for \$125 each. Event proceeds fund Ventura County's only nonprofit provider of comprehensive home healthcare and medical hospice.

For ticket and sponsorship information, please contact Michelle Pyfrom at 642-0239 x607, mpyfrom@lmvna.org, or visit the agency website: www.livingstonvna.org.

Apr. 27: Linde Carlson, local abstract artist, will be exhibiting her collection called *Poetry in Paint* at Paint Ventura, from 10-5pm. Paintings are available for sale to gallery owners and collectors and for previewing at 9am. Contact Linde at 607-4755 if you would like a preview before the show.

Apr. 27: The Garden Club of San Buenaventura will hold its **annual sale** on Greenock Lane across from Marina Park in Ventura, 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Buy plants, books, and miscellaneous items.

Apr. 27: Laubach Literacy of Ventura County is offering free training and materials for people interested in volunteering to teach English as a second language (ESL) to adults living in Ventura County. Training will be held at Barrister Executive Suites, 1500 Palma Drive from 9a.m. to 3p.m. and May 18th, 9a.m. to Noon. Bring a sack lunch to the April 27 workshop. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

For registration, information, and directions call 385-9584, laubachventura.org

Apr. 27: **Beginners' Bird Walk**, Ojai - Persimmon Hill area, Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Should see Hooded & Bullock's Orioles, Western Bluebirds, hummingbirds, and many more. Bring binoculars, a field guide, hat and water. **Apr. 27, 28:** The San Buenaventura Friends of the Library are holding their **Spring Book Sale** at the Historic Dudley House, corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood, on Saturday from 10a.m. to 4p.m. and Sunday from 11a.m. to 2p.m. For more information, Kathy Thomson, katbarcat@aol.com, 750-6630

May 1: The Beach Cities Neighbors and Newcomers Club (BCNN) is a

group of active women of all ages who live in Ventura, Oxnard, or Port Hueneme and enjoy activities such as hiking, bridge, dining, wine outings, reading, etc. Monthly meeting at The Greek Restaurant located at 1583 Spinnaker Drive, at 9:30 a.m. No charge for meeting and no reservations are required. Coffee or Tea is available at a nominal charge of \$1. The guest speaker will be Lynn Lively, past President of BCNN. The subject will be Challenge yourself: How to do something extraordinary.

May 5: A June 14, 1950 broadcast of *The Whistler* and 1926-28 recordings of Argentine music recorded in Paris will be featured in the **Dudley House historic recording series**. The house will be open from 1p.m. to 4p.m. The Dudley Docents will give tours of the history of the house with its Dudley family furniture. Admission to the house and the refurbished lavender garden with over 65 varieties of lavender is free. The Dudley House is located at 197 N. Ashwood at the corner of Loma Vista. Anyone interested in working on the docent tours of the house, the lavender garden, or the lavender program, call Steve Cummings at 644-3286.

Ojai events



The Wicked Witch (Virginia Streat of Ventura) vows revenge on Dorothy for the accidental death of her sister, in this delightful live musical version of The Wizard of Oz. It runs through April 28, at Ojai ACT, 113 S. Montgomery St.; 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are \$20 general, \$18 for seniors, students and Art Center members and \$10 for youth 12 and under. Reservations strongly recommended at 640-8797 or www.OjaiACT.org. Photo by Tom Moore

On **April 21** the **Ojai Film Society** will screen the 2013 Oscar-winning French film, *Amour*; the unforgettable story of retired music teachers Georges and Anne, whose bond of love is tested after Anne has a stroke and Georges attempts to care for her at home.

On **April 27 and 28**, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Chasing Ice*, the stunning documentary about acclaimed National Geographic photographer James Balog and his Extreme Ice Survey, a project documenting the disappearance of the world's glaciers. Ojai Playhouse, 4:30 pm.

The Ojai Recreation Department is expanding its office hours to be open on Fridays to better serve the public. The offices of the Ojai Recreation Department are now open five days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. In conjunction with the new office hours, Ojai Recreation will be offering a free, open game room time from 3 to 5:30p.m., as well as \$3 drop-in dodge ball from 5:30

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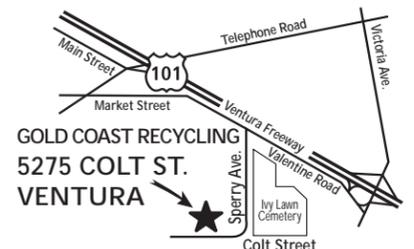


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Feed Bag

Compassionate Eating

Ventura's East Side gets fresh

by Bianca Martinez

A new farmers market has recently sprouted up on the east side of Ventura. Local vendors from in and around the County are offering fresh veggies, homemade soaps, jewelry, olive oil, delicious fruits, flowers, baked goods and even organic dog treats. Some of the vendors include: H & A Farms, Kelsey's Anytime Fudge, Arreola Farm and Nopal Cactus Foods.

Visiting a local market has a timeless quality about it. Seeing and connecting with people who are growing and producing their own products brings us closer to that life energy that runs through all of us. These people have a passion for what they do and they want to share that with you. I can feel it in all the handmade scarves blowing in the wind, and the neatly wrapped packages of cookies.

Outdoor markets have played an important role in towns and villages all around the world for centuries. The simple act of people coming together to offer the eclectic bounty of their particular region is just as important today as it was hundreds of years ago. We are so fortunate to live in a part of the world that has such an incredible climate, rich soil and access to abundant fresh produce year round.

I love leaving the market with two big bags of produce for the same price or often less than conventional grocery

stores and the freshness is unbeatable!

Plus I get to learn new things and meet new people. Etsy, who sells non-gmo cactus corn chips, tortilla wraps, and homemade salsa, told me that cactus is very high in calcium and has a soothing effect on our digestive tract and acts as an anti-inflammatory, who knew!? I used them to make some really great avocado veggie wraps for dinner that night. Yum!

These markets can only exist if we support them, so check out the new location on Thursdays from 3-6 at Kimball Park on Ventura's east side. You will see the flags on the corner of Telephone and Kimball Road. Park entrance is on Kimball just off Hwy 126.

For recipes featuring local organic produce please visit compassionateat.com

Grape Expectations

Prego, prego, prego!

by Eric Garnier

On my recent trip to Northern Italy, I relearned how much I like the Italian wines. With a trip that started in the northern town of Turin, my wife and I spent three weeks exploring the north of Italy, finishing our trip in Venice.

We chose not to make any daily reservations because we wanted to be free to pick and choose our daily trips. This turned out to be so much fun because it allowed us to stop in places that were hardly on the map. Aside from the

history, the beauty and the people, we were blown away at how good the food and the wines were. I found that a part of me had missed out on so many Italian wines that I had not tried in the past.

Every lunch and dinner was an experience. The wines of Italy seemed to me to be more "food friendly" than wines from other continents. Borolo, Barbera, Valpolicella, Brunello, Amarone, Roso, and Barbaresco only to name a few. These wines are luscious, fruity and many times lower in alcohol than some of our big wines here. There were so many other blends that I could not even begin to mention them all. Whether we were having a pizza for lunch or meat or fish, there was always a great wine to accompany the meal. Some of the best wines that we had were from producers that we had never heard of.

Don't get me wrong, I love my big California cabs, or a good Bordeaux or a Cote du Rhone. But what I got out of this trip is that we should never limit ourselves when it comes to trying something different. There were several occasions when I had to ask our waiter for a recommendation. Every time the suggestion was perfect.

On the Ventura Wine Trail, many of the wineries are growing and bottling Italian varietal wines. Be sure to try these wines when visiting their tasting rooms. I promise that you will like what they are making.

Until next month..... PREGO!

Cheers

Eric

Questions or comments

Wineoeric@gmail.com

as well as their dialogues with such environmental groups as Heal the Bay, have helped reduce their discharge into the river over the last several years and that they have been active in seeking input from the community about recreational use. "We've done research on recreation," said Epstein. "We have looked at what flow is appropriate for beneficial use in relation to recreation, something which our stakeholders have asked us to do."

Mailbox

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emphasized.

I honestly see no possibility of upgrading the current facility. Razing and rebuilding could provide you with the kind of motel in which one could take pride.

A neighbor of mine is a surgeon. Many people come from outside the area for procedures done at Community Memorial Hospital. She and other doctors are looking for a nice, clean, convenient place for patients and their families to stay. Motel 6 could be that place.

Sincerely,

Carmel Whitman

Motel 6 Corporate:

Recently I filed a request with the Ventura Police for the Calls for Service for the motels in the Pierpont Beach area of Ventura where I live. From Mar 1, 2012 through Mar 27, 2013 the Motel 6 at 2145 Harbor BL had 326 Calls for Service. The next closest had 55. Any number over five in a year according to the Ventura Municipal Code is considered excessive. Clearly, your motel is a huge burden on our police force and on the tax payers of my fair City and a center for trouble. Recently, as you are aware, there was an Officer Involved shooting at this motel. Your tenant was killed and the two police officers run over. According to the newspapers, around 10 shots were fired. Of great concern is that some of those bullets could have ended up killing one of my neighbors. Having this type of tenant is simply unacceptable. Based on this incident and the sheer number of Calls per Service, there is obviously a real problem with your local management team and with corporate oversight.

George Robertson

Mr. Robertson and Ms. Whitman

I can certainly appreciate your concerns. I have spoken with Chief Corney and I am expecting a phone call at anytime now from Commander Schindler to continue our dialogue about this matter. We fully expect to do our part working with the Pierpont group and the police department to address the concerns that you raise.

I provided contact information for my Director, Paul O'Neal, that covers California. Our plan is to be very involved with the community and the police to collaborate on crime prevention efforts.

I certainly appreciate you bringing your concerns to my attention. You have been heard and we look forward to working with you, the community and the city to address the issues.

Have a great weekend!

Victor Glover

Vice President

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McGrath flooding, part 1

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to be left alone.

As for the immediate future of the campsites, Rozzelle explained that even if the sand berm broke sometime soon, it would take at least a month for the area to dry out. Then repairs would be required to fix campsites, electrical wiring, and the roads around the park.

More dire is the possibility that the summer camping season may have to be cancelled, a prospect that concerns many devoted campers as well as small business owners like Kwan Moon, the owner of Mariner's Plaza Liquor on the corner of Harbor and Spinnaker. "My business is down 25-30% when the campgrounds are closed," said Moon. "They come to my store to buy ice, wood, and drinks."

And then there's the tricky question of who pays for the repairs. According to Rozzelle, even though the state of California owns the park, the responsibility for fixing the damage should fall to whoever is causing the harm.

From his perspective, that responsibility falls at least in part on Ventura Water, the city of Ventura's water management agency. "The city of Ventura is responsible because they are discharging water on property they don't own," he said, "and that property is managed by California State Parks."

Rozzelle asserts that Ventura Water has given little consideration to its impact on activities at McGrath, such as camping. "In our opinion," he said, "they have glossed over the issue in terms of recreational use."

But Ventura Water general manager Shana Epstein states that her agency's water conservation policies

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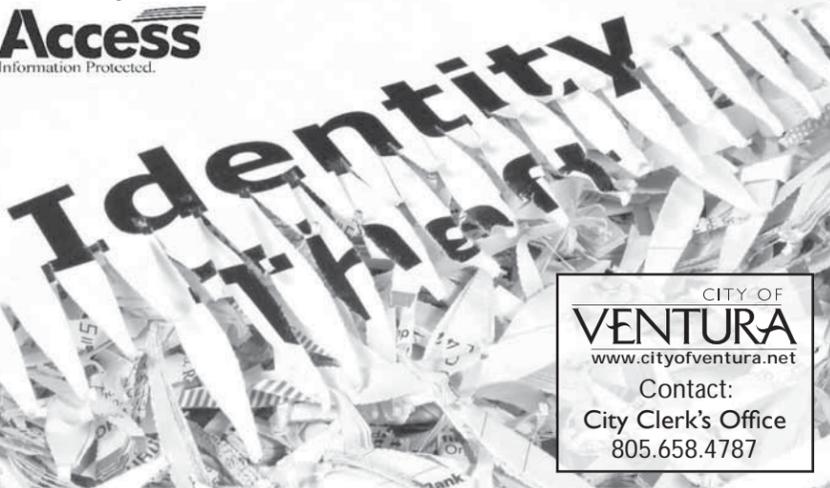
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News and Notes



Aided by Hollywood make-up artists sisters McCalley and Zhivonna Bonney were disaster victims at the CERT training. McCalley was trapped in a building but couldn't be helped because of the dangerous gasses that were present.

What if the "Big One" comes to Ventura?

"The Big One" is a common term that many people refer to as a disaster. It can come in many forms: earthquakes, mudslides, wildland fires, flooding, and hurricanes, are just a few examples. Captain Steve Lazenby (Santa Paula Fire Department), retired Ventura County Fire Captain Dale Cundiff, and Ventura City Fire Marshal Brian Clark have been preparing individuals throughout the county for "The Big One" for many years.

The Community Emergency Response Team Course (CERT) is a 21 hour class that is available to residents of Ventura County for free. The course covers the basics of search and rescue, how to free people from light entrapment, basic medical skills, triage of injured people, the use of fire extinguishers, introduction to the incident command system, how to turn off house utilities, and methods to integrate with fire department personnel when they arrive.

April 6th marked the final day of instruction for CERT graduates. Participants engaged in 5 different scenarios that exercised their newfound skills. Ventura City Firefighters and Prevention personnel proctored stations and gave tips to students. Scenarios replicated what the public could expect in an actual emergency. Various assembled props featured: a broken gas meter, a fire pit where CERT members used an extinguisher, 15 victims that required treatment and triage, and a person trapped under a fallen stairwell that required heavy lifting techniques. Class participants took each scenario very seriously and worked hard to make the most of their final exercise. All of the participants found the exercise useful.

The disaster was held at the Ventura City Fire Department Drill Grounds at Seaward Avenue and Alesandro.

"Over the past few years, 350 individuals have been through our 21 hour class", stated Fire Marshal Brian Clark. "Each participant is equipped with the basic knowledge of how to deal with the first stage of an emergency, how to protect themselves, and how to help their community—this is what this class is all about."

The class is paid for by a FEMA homeland security grant and is administered by the state and the county. For people who are interested in participating in the next class, they can access the Ventura City Fire Department web page: www.cityofventura.net/fire for more information or call 658-4717.

Ventura Hillside Conservancy

The conservancy was privileged to host the Santa Barbara / Ventura area Backyard Collective for the Conservation Alliance. 200 volunteers from local outdoor companies Patagonia, REI, Deckers, Horny Toad and Vapur engaged in habitat restoration, Arundo removal, trail clearing and trash clean up. Each volunteer planted a willow cutting before heading off to a great lunch provided by Himalaya.

Big Rock Property – Trail Building and Arundo Removal – Saturday, April 20, 9am-Noon. Come out and join us at the preserve along the Ventura River and clear out the stalks and lop the resprouts of recently removed Arundo. Also they will be working on their riparian trail system within the preserve. Bring long pants, long sleeve shirt, water, hat and sun protection. Afterwards, tour the property and maybe even get a little wet! To get there, take SR-33 north and park at the Casitas Vista overpass. Head south (back toward Ventura) down the bike path until you come to the watershed mural.

Ventura Hillside Conservancy Community Meeting, Wednesday April 24, 5-6pm, Grand Conference Room, Patagonia HQ: Learn about the Conservancy's progress in the past year, their work on the Ventura River Parkway and plans for the future. The presentation will be followed by a brief tour of the Conservancy's latest acquisition, the 9 acre Willoughby property, right behind Patagonia in the Ventura River.



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Happy Spring Fabulous friends of the Lyn Fairly show on KVTA 1590. Stay tuned for the latest on what is happening in the Supreme Court as we break it all down for you this year. So many issues like gun control, Immigration, same sex marriage and more. We explain it from the basis of the Constitution and open the conversation to you. I will also be giving away tickets as always so stayed glued to KVTA 1590, Noon on Saturdays. Thanks for listening!



Horsepower For An Hour, Saturday 1-2pm

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The Kim Pagano Show, Saturday 2-4pm

Kim Pagano started her radio career on KKZZ and is now on 1590 KVTA every Saturday from 2-4pm. Kim brings you "Experts and Reality" in an effort to educate moms, dads, children, and the entire community in useful daily knowledge. If you would like to be a part of the Kim Pagano Show by sharing your journey, call or email Kim at 805-419-0008 or Kim@kimpaganoshow.com.



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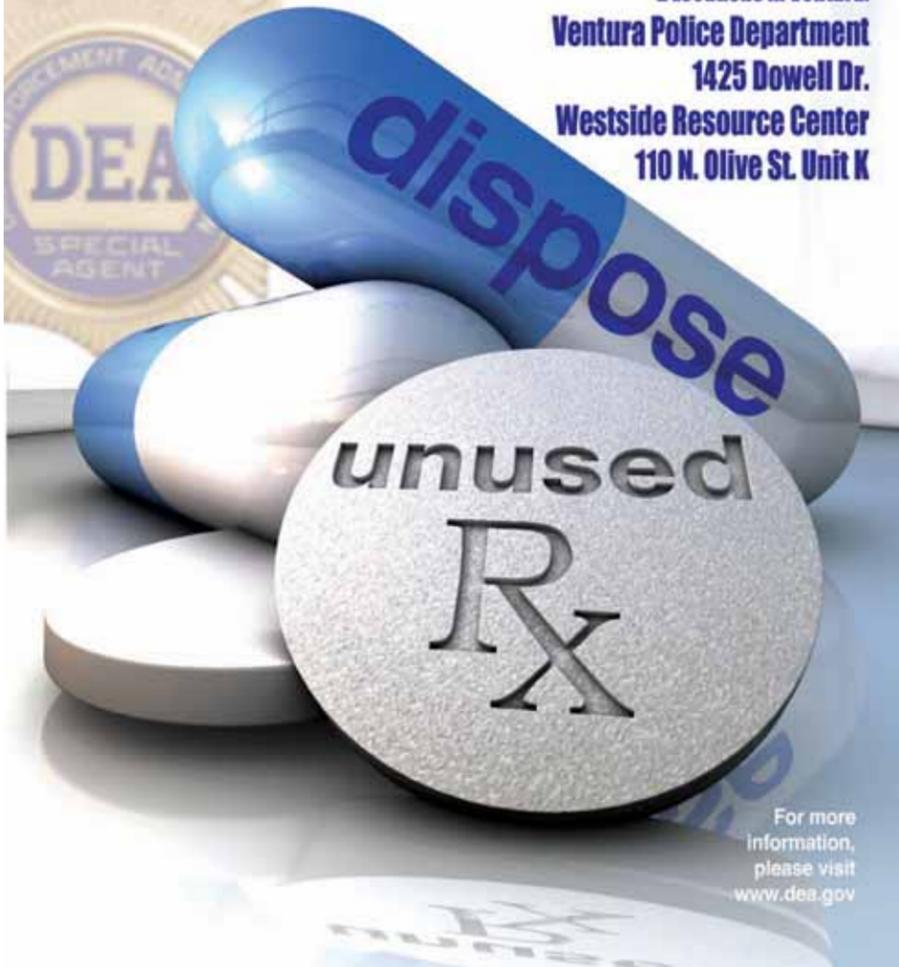
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News and Notes



Joe Moore celebrated his birthday among friends and colleagues.

98 and still contributing to Ventura

Retired Ventura City Assistant Fire Chief Joe Moore recently celebrated his 98th birthday among friends, family, fellow retirees, and past and current members of the Ventura City Fire Department. Friends gathered in the Pacific View Mall Food Court to cut cake and celebrate the individual that retired Fire Chief Chester Sharp nicknamed, "Mr. Ventura Fire Department".

Joe Moore was born March 28th, 1915. In the summer of 1942, Joe was hired by the Ventura City Fire Department and quickly promoted to engineer in 1946. In 1950 he was promoted to Captain and ultimately Assistant Chief in 1964. Joe retired in 1974 in the position of Fire Marshall.

Chief Moore is very active at 98 years old and is involved in many Ventura organizations including the

First Christian Church, Downtown Lions Club, and participant in FOOD Share.

"I had to come out here and say hello to my old friend", said Fire Captain Myles Smith (who just celebrated his 32 year anniversary working for the Ventura City Fire Department). "Joe is not just an amazing friend; he has contributed so much to this city professionally and personally. The Ventura City Fire Department is 138 years old, Joe has seen a big part of that."

Retired Fire Battalion Chief Vern Alstot who served the city of Ventura for 34 years (he was also a Ventura Police officer) stated, "Ventura has very few retired firefighters who have lived past 80 years old. I had to come out here and wish him a happy birthday, it is an honor."

Leadership Ventura

The Leadership Ventura two-year community leadership program has launched the 2013 year with a 2 day retreat on March 15 which was hosted at Cypress Place and led by Dr. Rely Nadler, Psy.D. The incoming class was assigned to teams and challenged to plan and implement 3 community service projects. Their goal is to identify a community need and develop a project that positively addresses that need, while gaining hands-on experience as community leaders and learning skills for working with people of different personalities based on their Myers Briggs Personality Types. This method of developing Emotional Intelligence, taught by Dr. Nadler, is used to improve leadership skills in major corporations.

"The teams will be developing and implementing a project that will pay it forward for years to come," said ML Peterson, President of Ventura Commerce & Education Foundation and 2013 student, "We are beyond impressed and proud of our class. Their motivation to improve the community is a reflection of what Leadership Ventura stands for. It proves that, even with limited time and resources, a few passionate people can make a tremendous impact on our community."

The projects under development will be submitted for approval in

early May. A panel of class alumni will evaluate the projects and approve or reject them before the teams can begin work. The program gives students an opportunity to learn from Dr. Nadler and then apply what was learned in their projects. They can take these lessons back to their companies and to their community. Dr. Nadler said, "Leadership strategies and tools can make good leaders great. Developing the skill to understand and manage yourself and your emotions and understand and manage others and their emotions leads to star performance." Leadership Ventura gives students a chance to receive coaching and personal interactive learning that few people have.

Since 1994, Leadership Ventura has graduated more than 250 individuals who are prepared to take on leadership roles in an ever-changing world. Leadership Ventura alumni have had a significant impact on the Ventura community, spearheading preservation of shelters in the River Haven Building Project for the homeless and making improvements at the Tender Life Maternity Home, improving the Farmer's Market Park, championing outdoor classroom teaching, feeding pets of the homeless and other community improvement projects. For more information on how this program can benefit you, your company and your community, contact Charleen Morla at the Ventura Chamber of Commerce at charleen@ventura-chamber.org or 643-7222.

The Festival in the Park, now in its tenth year, celebrates with the VUSD, a commitment to the arts with performances in music, dance and an all-district art display

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You just need to be talented and have time to volunteer.

Roberta Bear, an ex-professor, has been volunteering there, and displaying her crafts for 5 years. She is their vice president and publicity chair and stated, "We now have 30 volunteer/artisans working and displaying here. Besides volunteering here we meet socially, so this is a great opportunity to meet new and talented friends. We also get to meet the public, especially the many visitors to Ventura from other states and countries. Recently a lady bought one of my items

to send to relatives in Norway."

"We constantly have new items for sale and our artisans only charge for their materials, so we are very competitive with other boutiques. A lot of young people also come in and get inspired by our crafts and start doing their own."

Anita Cole, treasurer (retired real estate broker and other things), has been there for 6 years and makes many wonderful items including stuffed animals and children's bonnets. She loves meeting their varied clients and displaying her artwork.

Applications are available in the shop, located at 429 E. Main St. The shop hours are 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday, and 11 am to 4 pm Sunday.

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Assisted Home Hospice Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation established to

provide residents of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties with educational, professional and financial assistance focused on end-of-life care options. Over 300 attendees are anticipated for the FA-TINI. We are asking for your assistance with a short-term loan of men's and/or women's clothing to dress our models. Our models are physicians, nurses, healthcare organization employees and other volunteers. They come in all shapes and sizes. This is truly a win-win opportunity. You will be able to showcase your fashions to the community and assist the Foundation in reaching its fundraising goal.

This event will also raise funds with a raffle and silent auction of donated gifts. Your donation of an item for auction, gift certificate, or tickets would be greatly appreciated!

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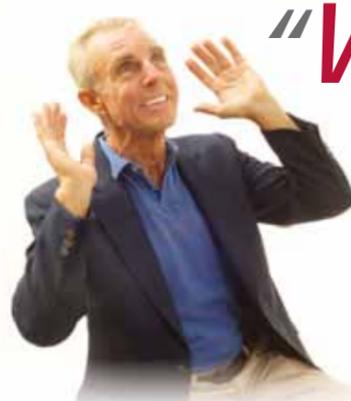
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Elder abuse court

by Nanci Cone

Recently I had the opportunity to interview Judge Colleen Toy White, the judge assigned to Ventura County's Elder Abuse Court – Court 37 – since its inception. This is a model court, held once a week at 10 am on Wednesdays, which serves people over the age of 65. Many of these people have issues such as: limited mobility (some wheelchair bound), limited sensory perception, hearing impairments and dementia. What she had to say was a real eye opener!

How long has this court been helping seniors?

The Elder Abuse Court began on May 20, 2009. It hears all matters filed under the criminal elder abuse statute, Penal Code Section 368. The goal of the court is to improve court practices by consolidating elder abuse cases in one courtroom. This allows the court to provide an efficient and effective approach to dealing with matters concerning criminal elder abuse.

No one knows exactly how the growing population of older adults will impact the court in the future. The fastest growing age group in the U.S. population is the 85 year olds who are estimated to increase by 35% or about 5000 by the year 2020.

Cases can be financial including theft, fraud and identity theft or physical

abuse, sexual abuse and/or psychological abuse as well as neglect. Potential defendants are: caretaker, non-caretaker, adult children, adult grandchildren, family members, friends, neighbors, professionals, residential care facility personnel, and even strangers.

What is the main purpose of this court?

Seventy-six million Americans, commonly known as baby boomers, were born between 1946 and 1964 and represent 25% of the population. Between 2011 and 2029 they will reach the traditional retirement age of 65 at the rate of about one every eight seconds! The court is consistent with public policy that promotes the prevention of elder abuse and will encourage elder abuse protective action in the community. The District Attorney designates the cases for elder abuse court when they are reviewed by the assigned deputy district attorney (Kathleen O'Brien). Our mission is to ensure that older adults in the court are accorded a fair and reasonable voice in, and access to, the courts; and referrals to any medical, social and legal services they may need.

Could you give me some examples of cases you've heard?

Drug using, head-injured, dependent adult attacks his conservator with a club in an argument over money for drugs. Defendant's father is his conservator of 15 years and they reside together. Defendant severely cognitively impaired with anger and violent outbursts. The victim strongly opposed and objected to any criminal action taken in this case and wrote a letter of opposition.

The daughter of a 91-year-old, cognitively impaired, dependent mother had elder abuse charges brought against her when her mother was found covered in feces, maggots, bedsores, etc. with reported incidents of physical abuse. The victim refused help and repeatedly expressed fear of being separated from her abusive caregiver daughter because of her fear of being separated and placed in a residential care facility or nursing home. The daughter was ultimately remanded by the court.

"Establishing an Elder Abuse calendar is an initial step taken by the Ventura County Superior Court to improve court practices today and in the future," adds Judge Toy White.

Alzheimer's Cafes provide help

The Alzheimer's Association Ventura County Regional Office offers families dealing with Alzheimer's disease or other dementia opportunities to socialize and get support during any one of 5 monthly Alzheimer's cafes in Ventura County.

Modeled after a large movement in Europe, Alzheimer's cafes are for people with memory loss and their caregivers. Each café is a safe and relaxed place where people with dementia, their families and friends, and health- and social-care professionals come together for a unique blend of socializing, education and support. It is a forum where people can share experiences and talk about dementia. Anyone who is affected by dementia is welcome to attend. Each takes place once a month and is free of charge.

Yesterday's Café and Breakfast is at Cypress Place Senior Living, 1200

Cypress Point Lane, 650-8000, 8 – 10 a.m., first Saturday of the month.

A documentary film and discussion on a taboo subject

Consider the Conversation examines how we view life's final chapter and how talking about what we want, in advance, prevents unnecessary suffering. Sponsored by Livingston Memorial Hospice, the film will be shown on Saturday, April 27th, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Temple Ner Ami and Camarillo Church of Christ, 515 Temple Avenue, Camarillo. The film includes personal accounts from patients, family members, doctors, nurses, clergy, and national experts on the physical, social and emotional issues related to dying. A discussion will follow featuring Lanyard K. Dial, MD, Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice Medical Director. RSVP to 388-3824 or 482-3505.

Senior Living

Physician advisory board designed to enhance the quality of care

The Post Acute Rehab Center (PARC) at Victoria has announced the creation of a physician advisory board designed to enhance the quality and outcomes of rehabilitation services provided at the PARC at Victoria Care Center in Ventura.

In collaboration with each patient's physician, PARC's multi-disciplinary team of healthcare professionals combines clinical knowledge with a strong commitment to service excellence to help patients recover from surgery, illness or other occurrences and return home as quickly and as safely as possible.

"The formation of a physician advisory board is part of our ongoing dedication to improve care so patients can return to their homes and daily routines with enhanced strength and stability," said John Gardner, executive director of PARC.

Gardner says that the board's group of experts will work with PARC to address the quality and cost challenges confronting today's healthcare delivery system. In addition, the board will provide input that enhances the capabilities of current services and processes to help PARC therapists improve quality and outcomes. The board will also facilitate ongoing dialogue between physicians and PARC therapists to ensure that therapy strategies and techniques operate effectively in clinicians' workflow.

The PARC at Victoria houses 50 post-acute rehab beds plus an "almost-home" transition studio ideal for residents nearing the end of their stay who are going to live on their own. The PARC also includes separate state-of-the-art physical and occupational therapy workout gyms furnished with the latest rehabilitation equipment; a courtyard therapy park; an Internet café; freestyle dining; and a host of other amenities including on-site beauty salon, daily newspaper, transportation services and much more. Outpatient therapy is available to graduating residents of the PARC who need or choose to continue with their strength and function training with their favorite therapist after discharge.

The PARC is part of Victoria Care Center, a 24-hour skilled nursing facility that has served the needs of Ventura County for more than two decades. Victoria Care Center was recently rated by *U.S. News and*

World Report as one of the best long-term care facilities in America. The center's team of licensed professional nurses and specially trained physical, occupational and speech therapists improve patients' health and hopes for the future. Victoria Care Center and the PARC are located at 5445 Everglades Street in Ventura. Further information may be obtained at www.VictoriaCareCenter.com or www.ThePARCAtVictoria.com.



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There is an easier way to get answers from Social Security than sitting on hold on the phone. Social Security's website (<http://socialsecurity.gov>) has a long list of things you can do online after creating a My Social Security account: get your benefits verification letter, get your statement, apply for retirement or disability benefits, appeal a disability decision, estimate your retirement benefits, check your application status and so much more.

The biggest concern, however, is that if you've done a Google search about the topic, you easily could end up at a fake website that is not Social Security. For example, replacing your card is free, but if you accidentally wander to a scam site, they'll want to charge you as much as \$50. Not only that, but they'll have your Social Security number when you type it in. If you marry and want a card in your new name, you'll need to contact Social Security directly. Don't fall for an online scam.

Even if you haven't hunted online for information yet you receive what looks like Social Security email, beware. Social Security will never send you email asking for information such as your name or number. Any emails asking for that are from scammers. If you receive that kind of email, call the real Social Security administration immediately at 1-800-772-1213 or the fraud hotline at 1-800-269-0271.

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RSVP Bone Builders classes

RSVP Bone Builders is pleased to announce it has opened a second session of its award-winning senior exercise class at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center in collaboration with the City of Ventura Senior Services.

The new sessions are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 to 11:30, which immediately follows the original class. Run by trained senior volunteers, exercise equipment needed to participate in the free classes is provided and spots typically fill quickly.

At the Ventura Avenue Adult Center located at 550 N. Ventura Ave. This is the third public Bone Builders class available in Ventura, and one of 30 classes offered in west Ventura County.

RSVP Bone Builders is a gentle, slow and easy exercise program for anyone

fighting osteoporosis. With the use of light weight resistance and a chair you can build strength and balance, and fight this disease.

In addition to the known health benefits of exercise, the classes are fun and a great way to make new friends.

All RSVP Bone Builders classes are free, meet twice a week for one hour and are conducted by a trained volunteer instructor. A third Ventura class is offered at the Barranca Vista Center, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Call 385-8019 for more information about the classes or stop in during class time to observe the class and register if openings are still available.

FA-TINI

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will be prominently displayed on the FA-TINI big screen, as well as in the FA-TINI program that is given to all of our guests! And your brochure and/or promotional item for distribution in the FA-TINI goody bag that is given to all of our guests in attendance. And, if you like, there will be an area near the entrance to the ballroom where you can display the clothing from your store.

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News and Notes

Guest Columnist

Economic vitality and a healthy arts community go hand in hand

by Donna Granata

The Economic Development Strategy for 2013-2018 came before the Ventura City Council on March 11. This report is a roadmap to the future economic stability of our community. The report was adopted with a series of addendums including an assessment of the remaining goals of the 2005 Cultural Plan that is due to expire in 2015. To that end, the City of Ventura and its citizens will begin the task of writing the next Cultural Plan that will include goals for 2015 through 2025.

In order for all of the economic development goals stated within the report to succeed the arts cannot simply exist. They need to thrive.

The economic impact of the arts is hard to dispute. According to Ventura County and the Arts Impact & Opportunity for Community, a 2008 Ventura County study funded by the James Irvine Foundation and VCCF, "Arts-related businesses support nearly 20,000 jobs in the region. The direct contribution of these businesses to the regional output amounts to more than \$1.2 billion. The overall impact on the regional output is nearly \$2.1 billion (including indirect and induced impacts). These businesses together pay more than \$192 million in the form of various taxes to different branches of the government, out of which more than \$52 million is paid as indirect business taxes. Taken together, the arts related nonprofits and businesses contribute about the same amount to the regional economy as Ventura County's agricultural production, construction or wholesale trade industries." A more recent study, the Local Arts Index, published in 2013 by Americans for the Arts, supports these findings.

Think about the last time you attended a gallery opening or performance. In addition to attending the event, you likely gassed up the car and went out to dinner. Some of you may have even bought artwork or joined a non-profit organization to further support its efforts.

As our local artists and arts organizations prepare for an event they patronized local businesses as well. From buying and/or renting supplies and equipment for a performance or project, to designing web sites and marketing materials, to providing food for a reception, these dollars have a multiplying effect. Every step the arts play a vital strategic role in the economic vitality of the community and feed our city coffers. As we continue to recover from the down economy, we need to strengthen the creative community and keep the arts at the forefront of the economic strategies.

In addition to a positive economic impact, the arts have a tremendous impact on our youth and overall

quality of life. Students exposed to the arts have higher SAT scores, a lower dropout rate in school, improved attitudes and behavior resulting in lower delinquency. Our cultural community defines our city's image and character.

The development of the next Cultural Plan will be critical to the future fiscal wellbeing of our city. The community is invited to share in the process. To learn more, the public is invited to attend the next Cultural Affairs Commission meeting at City Hall on May 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Santa Cruz conference room.

When the arts thrive, the community thrives.

Donna Granata

Artist

Founder/Executive Director

Focus on the Masters

Health

CMHS to host TEDMED Live simulcast on April 18

Community Memorial Health System is sponsoring a free live simulcast of "TEDMED Live," an annual conference focusing on health and medicine originating from the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., on Thursday, April 18.

TEDMED Live will be held in three sessions from 8 a.m. to 9:45, 11:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Museum of Ventura County. The intent of the conference has been described as "a gathering of geniuses" that brings together some of the most innovative, thoughtful pioneers of healthcare technology, media, and entertainment to learn from one another and mix people up from different disciplines and industries to solve big problems in healthcare.

Attendees will receive a password to access the entire TEDMED event via laptop and tablet.

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Vestibular Support Group

Two Trees Physical Therapy & Wellness is offering a free support group for individuals experiencing dizziness and imbalance and their family members or caregivers. The Two Trees Physical Therapy & Wellness Vestibular Support Group (aka Dizziness and Falls Support Group) will begin May 6, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. The group will meet the first Monday of every month and will feature support and discussion, as well as an educational series featuring experts from the medical / health and wellness community. All support group meetings will be held at Two Trees Physical Therapy & Wellness, 3418 Loma Vista Road, Suite A, 765-4773.



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Ventura was one of three finalists in the medium-sized community division (100,001 to 500,000 residents) recognized for their innovative programs to reduce waste and boost recycling at W&RN's Residential Recycling Conference held in Chicago on March 19-21. Eugene, Ore., was selected the division's Green City of the Year. The other city in

contention was Gainesville, Fla.

Harrison Industries nominated the city of Ventura for the honor and Whisenhunt Communications aided the Ventura-based trash and recycling hauler in gathering information on Ventura's recycling efforts that were submitted in the nomination form.

"We are honored to be considered as a finalist for the National Green City Award," Mayor Mike Tracy said. "The city of Ventura is committed to protecting the environment, and consideration for this award validates our efforts."

Professor Scamp, Ph.D (Pretty Happy Dog)

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Professor Scamp, the Ventura Breeze, Cheryl Ann Gooss and CABODOGZ present *Captured on Canvas...The Rescue Collection*. These beautiful dogs who have found themselves homeless are looking for a special person to adopt them. Their portraits will be painted by Cheryl Ann Gooss (www.cherylanngooss.com) and featured in the Breeze. We hope that they will find their perfect forever home and be adopted before the next portrait is published in the Breeze.



This is Bebe and Lily and they belonged to a very kind elderly woman who unfortunately became sick and could no longer care for them. While she recovered in the hospital someone came to care for them. Bebe is the "baby" of Lily and she is about 5 years old, a yorkie-poo. Lily is about 8 years old and she is a maltie-poo. They have been together ever since Bebe was born and are very bonded. They would love to be adopted together; however, they will love anyone who loves them.

Bebe and Lily were lucky enough to find rescue group CABODOGZ to take them in. They are currently living at Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding for Dogs, 4692 Ventura Avenue, where you can meet them. Stop by or call 643-3647 and go give them a hug, and fall in love with them.



Bella



Professor Scamp
Ph.D

■ I was taking a walk the other day and a lady with her dog stopped so that the dog and I could visit and the lady looked at me and said, "You're the Infamous Scamp". Is that good?

■ In my next article I have told Savana that she could write something. She is just learning to type so it has been difficult for her. She keeps stopping to clean her paws so it is taking an even longer time. I'm sure that she will have some wonderful things to say about me.

■ On Sunday, April 28, from 11am-5pm there will be the Downtown Plain Air Painting and Paint Party and many local animal rescue groups will have their own booths there with adoptable pets looking for forever homes, and you can have your own dog stop by and make their very own PawCasso painting to take home. The Ventura Breeze will have a booth there so you might even get to meet me, the infamous one.

■ The Board of Directors of the Santa

Paula Animal Rescue Center (SPARC) has named William LeFevre its new Executive Director. Bill will oversee the day-to-day operations of the shelter, the first no kill animal control agency in Ventura County and one of only a handful across California.

The Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center has been having some problems recently with neighbor complaints about dogs barking and their city council has threatened to close them down. But the city council has asked for more information before deciding whether to force the shelter to close. They have asked Police Chief Ish Cordero to log the number of noise complaints from neighbors before making a final decision. Luckily the shelter will remain open during this period which will take several months.

Some supporters of the shelter claim that a lot of the dog barking is from dogs in the neighborhood and not from the shelter. And what is so bad about barking dogs anyway, how else do we communicate, by wagging our tails?

Diane Rowley, President of the Board of Directors, said, "SPARC has seen almost 850 dogs and cats impounded since it opened on June 1, 2012. Not one animal has been killed due to lack of space or resources. Under Bill's progressive leadership, we'll create the systems not only to sustain that effort indefinitely, but to expand our safety net of care even more. We're excited to have him."

Donations of old blankets and towels are always welcomed. To learn more about SPARC go to www.sparcsaveslives.org.

■ The first class of "wildlife detector dogs" and their handlers have graduated from training of searching for

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Hi: My name is Felipe. I am about 5 years old, all Chihuahua, and only about 5 pounds soaking wet! I was rescued by CABODOGZ from the Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center (SPARC) just last month. I am very cuddly and love to be carried around. I am good with other dogs and even cats. I get cold easily so I snuggle under blankets to stay warm. Currently, I am staying at Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding

for Dogs at 4692 Ventura Avenue, 643-3647, call or stop by to see me and my friends. P.S. All adoptees can board overnight or for daycare any time of year for half price. Be a hero....Adopt a shelter pet!

Hi: I'm Ross, a handsome, gentle, and playful rabbit who is already neutered! I am a little shy but really enjoy attention once I warm up to people. I would do well in a home with older, calm children. The public is invited to come meet me and the many other shelter rabbits, learn about proper rabbit care, and find out if a house rabbit is right for your home. I am at the Ventura County Animal Shelter, 600 Aviation Drive in Camarillo in kennel # 422, ID A562309 and you can take me home for only \$50.



Scamp Club



This is Manny (who was adopted from CABODOGZ). He's a shih-tsu/poodle mix. Fwonsa is his big sister. Part doxie, gazelle, and vacuum cleaner. Fwonsa is also an adopted dog and has been a spoiled only child up to now. Fwonsa likes to poke and tease Manny. They are non-stop funny.

Join Scamp Club

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

protected species. They will be stationed at key ports of entry around the country, searching for wildlife smuggled across U.S. borders. The 4 retrievers (Viper, Butter, Lancer, and Locket) have been trained as part of a national effort to stop the growing trade in threatened animal parts coming into the U.S. Including elephant ivory and rhino horn. Can you even imagine killing a magnificent elephant to get its ivory?

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said this to would-be wildlife traffickers, "There's a new dog in town, and if you try to bring illegal wildlife parts into the country, there's a chance he is going to sniff you out. And there are more just like him."

I could detect wildlife if it smells like food; I can find a cheeseburger from miles away.

■ In a story that brings tears to my eyes several dogs that were rescued 5 years ago from NFL quarterback Michael Vick's fighting ring in Virginia were reunited along with their new owners to celebrate their new lives.

The "Victory Dogs," as they have become known, were taken to the Best Friends Animal Society in Kanab in 2008 after they were removed from the "Bad Newz" illegal dog fighting compound in Surry County, Virginia.

After extensive medical treatment and rehabilitation in Utah, the dogs were adopted by owners from across the United States. For 5 years their new humans had never gotten together until this wonderful meeting.

I'm sure that they had a great time together and that the families really bonded because of their love for these now very fortunate dogs.

These dogs prove that they did not instinctively want to fight each other but were trained to do that by some terrible-terrible human beings. We are so lucky to live with wonderful people. Go give your dog a kiss for me.

I hope that the dogs can now watch an NFL football game without getting angry. I only watch the games so that I can have a hot dog.

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

Injured Subject

On Thursday, April 4th, at 5:30 a.m., the VPD responded to the Four Points Sheraton, located at 1050 Schooner Drive, in reference to an injured subject. Officers located the victim, vagrant Jason Miller, in the lobby with multiple head injuries in addition to multiple injuries to his body that resulted from being struck by an unknown weapon.

Armed Robbery

On Thursday, April 4th, at 6:30 p.m., officers responded to an armed robbery at a Chevron gas station, located in the 900 block of south Seaward Avenue.

Jeremy Ellis had entered the business, approached the counter, demanded money, and brandished a box cutter. The clerk feared for his life and emptied the cash register contents into a paper bag. Ellis took the money and exited the store, fleeing towards the Vons shopping center.

Officers located Ellis at the intersection of Beachmont Street and Seashell Avenue. Ellis was taken into custody without incident and booked at VC Jail.

Assault with Deadly Weapon

On Sunday, April 7th, at 1:30 a.m., officers responded to the 100 block of South Chestnut Street in response to a report of a fight between two males. One of the involved males fled the scene. The other male had sustained several injuries, possibly from a knife.

Responding patrol units detained the suspect, Tyler Stepner, who had been chased by witnesses. Stepner had minor injuries consistent with being involved in a physical fight and a knife was located nearby. The witnesses identified him as being involved in the fight with the victim, Jaime Olivares.

Olivares was transported to VCMC for treatment of his injuries which were later determined not to be life threatening. Stepner was arrested, treated for minor injuries sustained in the fight, and booked into the VC Jail.

Vehicle Pursuit

On Sunday, April 7th, at 4:06 p.m., an officer on patrol saw a vehicle with an equipment violation near the intersection of Pierpont Boulevard and Seaward Avenue, and attempted to initiate a stop for the violation. The driver, Jessica Ryan, failed to stop. A male passenger inside the vehicle exited and approached the officer's patrol car. As the officer was contacting the male passenger, Ryan continued driving.

Later, an officer observed the vehicle traveling east on Olivas Park Drive. The officer attempted to make a traffic stop on the vehicle, but Ryan failed to stop. Additional officers joined in the pursuit, which was throughout the industrial area near the Ventura Auto Center. Ryan suddenly stopped in the 2900 Block of Seaborg Avenue. Ryan exited the vehicle and began threatening officers and making suicidal statements. She failed to comply. Ryan was taken into custody without further incident.

Resisting Arrest

On Wednesday, April 10th, detectives with the Street Crimes Unit were working in the 1600 block of Parakeet Court when they observed a known career criminal, Nathan Stevens, driving through the area. As detectives

attempted to stop the vehicle and make contact with him, he refused to stop and fled. Then Stevens fled on foot. Officers caught up with him as he was attempting to jump into the backyard of a residence in the 1600 block of Johnson Drive. He was taken into custody. Stevens was in possession of methamphetamine with the intention to sell it. Detectives also discovered two handguns hidden in the vehicle he was driving. Stevens was later treated at VCMC for minor injuries. No one else was injured.

As part of this investigation, detectives conducted a parole search at a residence in the 1600 block of Parakeet Court. During that search, detectives found Erika Medina hiding in the backyard area of the house. She was on probation for both property crimes and sales of narcotics. Medina was found to be in possession of methamphetamine with the intention to sell it. Additionally, Lisa Forsyth was found inside of the house. She was found to be in possession of numerous "shaved" car keys used to access and steal vehicles.

Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On Thursday, April 11th, at 12:30 a.m., a VPD officer saw a suspicious vehicle parked in a commercial lot near the intersection of Thompson Boulevard and Hurst Avenue. The vehicle had been reported stolen.

Officers saw two males enter the sedan and drive away. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle near the intersection of Seaward Avenue and Ocean Boulevard. The driver, Joseph Rowland, was taken into custody without incident. The passenger, Paul Skill, was detained and found to be in possession of a controlled substance.

Attempted residential burglary

On Apr. 13, at 11:53 am the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call from an alert citizen who saw an unknown male subject attempting to gain entry into a neighbor's residence, located in the 300 block of Evergreen Drive, while a female acted as a lookout. Arriving officers saw the suspects in the side yard of the residence attempting to open a window. When the officers tried to detain the suspects they fled through the backyard of the residence, broke through a fence into a neighboring yard, where additional officers who had arrived on the scene detained them.

Terry Wysel, male 42, Ventura resident and Laurie Gray, female 39, Ventura resident, were arrested and booked for attempted robbery.

Ojai events

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to 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. For more information about the City's recreation offerings, please go to www.ojairec.com where one can visit the Ojai Recreation Facebook page and view the latest Recreation Activity Guide.

To promote April as **National Poetry Month**, a panel discussion by three of the region's most celebrated poets will focus on the Future of Poetry in the 21st Century, Saturday, **April 13** at *A Celebration of Words* being held in Libbey Bowl. The speakers include: Chrissy Yost, the newly named Poet Laureate of Santa Barbara; Phil Taggart, Ventura County poet and organizer of many poetry events throughout the area; and, Perie Longo, a former Poet Laureate of Santa Barbara. Each of the speakers will also read samples of poetry.

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The poetry discussion begins at 1PM and will be followed by the presentation of the winners from the 12th Annual Ventura County Writers Club Poetry Contest. *A Celebration of Days* is a daylong event of author readings, poetry recitations, songwriters performing, a children's creative workshop, a Book Fair of regional authors and more. A full schedule of activities can be found at: <http://www.wordfestbookfair.com/stage-schedule.html>.

The **Ojai Storytelling Festival, May 2-5** will be celebrating its 14th year with a stellar lineup of acclaimed storytellers from around the United States. While storytelling is an ancient art form, the Ojai Storytelling Festival presents the oral tradition in a contemporary way. Festival organizer Brian Bemel says, "Listeners will definitely hear traditional tales, but many of this

year's tellers will offer a very modern take with stories firmly rooted in today's culture."

Here's a snapshot of what you'll hear...

Laughing Night featuring comedic tales from all the tellers.

Family Fest featuring Grammy nominated musician, John McCutcheon followed by hands-on art activities.

Tall Tales with Plenty of Seasoning with Bill Lepp and Carmen Deedy.

Homespun Tales With a Twist of Ginger with Donald Davis and Motoko.

Tunes and Tales with John McCutcheon and Street Corner Renaissance.

Naughty Tales with Antonio Sacre and Michael Reno Harrell.

Townies featuring local performers curated by Kim Maxwell offering a contemporary and quirky look at modern life.

Person to Person

by Karlene Lang

"What do you think of the proposed Ventura summer concert series to be held in the parking lot above City Hall?"



Katie Steinke: "I think it's a marvelous idea! We need more cultural opportunities in Ventura; the more the merrier."



Rob Bragenzer (owner Spice-topia): "At first glance I am not opposed to it. Anything to help bring attention to Downtown Ventura will help my business. I see it more of a plus!"



Kris Etzler: "Yes, it would bring people to Ventura who are not familiar with our great town. People will see it and want to come back."



Shannon Marie (owner Marie Shannon Bakery): "It would be great if the promoters would purchase from local vendors and businesses for their concessions. Let's showcase our Ventura chef talent - we're like the 'Little Engine That Could...'"



Carol Bacon: "I love to go to concerts in Ventura. Great idea. It's a great cultural event for the community."

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 25 mins.

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Sports



Buena's Principal Jesus Vaca welcoming all to the tennis court dedication. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

Game, set, match

by Tom Marshall

Buena High School's tennis courts were in dire need of repair at the worst possible time. It was 2 years ago and strapped city and school district budgets simply couldn't foot the \$50,000.00 bill. The local tennis community rallied behind the shared vision to host the 2013 California Community Colleges State Championships as part of The Ojai Tennis Tournament this April if the courts could be completed in time. A volunteer community work effort was spearheaded by volunteer and tennis advocate, Wayne Bruce. Enthusiasm about this grand idea was easily generated but the local tennis community also executed this highly ambitious plan with the precision of a grand slam champion.

A generous donation from the Ventura County Lodging Association was the overhand smash that kick-started the plan in motion. Limoneira Ranches, the Pierpont Racquet Club, Ventura Unified School District, and many other groups and individuals made vitally important donations to keep the project progressing towards the goal of completion by April. The complexities involved with conveying the community benefits of renovated tennis courts and justifying the cost to potential donors was a monumental task. The local tennis community worked diligently in the fundraising effort and was led by Terry Lynch and Ed Wehan.

The passionate drive of Wayne Bruce ensured the plan came to fruition. "He went above and beyond to pull the whole project together," commented fundraising coordinator, Jenise Wagar. While the tennis courts are finished and ready for the state championships, the fundraising effort is ongoing to complete further enhancements.

On Wednesday, April 10th the community attended a dedication ceremony at Buena High School. It featured presentations from Ventura Unified School District, the Ojai Valley

Tennis Club, and other sponsors who helped fund the program. Buena High's tennis teams were also part of the dedication.

Our community is proving to be adept at overcoming the financial shortcomings of our government. Public-private partnerships may be the wave of the future in regards to anything other than basic government services. Ventura's businesses, residents, and organizations that assisted with this project or any other public-private partnership should be extremely proud of what they have accomplished. A city is only as strong as its residents and Ventura is just starting to flex her muscles.

Basketball tournament to raise funds for all Ventura schools

The 16th Annual Seaside Basketball Tournament is scheduled for April 19 - 22. The tournament has raised over \$555,000 since the East Ventura Optimist and Sunrise Optimist Clubs have sponsored the event. Last year they had a total of 120 teams compete, both boys and girls teams in grades 3 - 12. Only about 2 percent of the funds raised (\$11,000) in the past 15 years was paid in administrative fees! The funds have helped all the Ventura schools, youth scholarships, essay contests, as well as recognize students of the month, give holiday donations to needy families, and contribute to many other youth oriented programs and activities. Please visit the tournament website www.vsb.org for all tournament information.

Youth

Students contribute to Global DNA Registry

by Rebecca Wicks

How many high school students can say they generated authentic scientific data that's part of an international digital library? A classroom of students at Foothill Technology High School can make this claim to fame. Assisted by Coastal Marine Biolabs (CMB), students have created DNA barcodes for a number of multicellular life forms on Earth contributing to the Barcoding Life's Matrix project.

Aiming to create a worldwide reference library of DNA barcodes, the Barcoding Life's Matrix project or Barcode of Life Database (BOLD) documents barcodes which are short genetic sequences used to identify species.

Amanda Torres, a senior at Foothill, was one of the students who helped to add rockfish barcodes to the Barcode of Life Database.

"It was a lot of fun to spend a school day deep sea fishing and collecting samples of rockfish," said Torres. "Then we applied the procedures and techniques we learned in school to extract DNA."

Students also extracted DNA from other fish caught up near Alaska. In all the students submitted twenty entries to the database.

"We give teachers what they need to do all of this in their classroom, the materials, the tools and the training," explained Dr. Ralph Imondi, co-director for CMB, a research and science education organization that provides field and laboratory-based learning experiences for high school students. "We actively recruit teachers to participate."

Darcy Duffy is one of the Foothill teachers who took advantage of CMB's programs which are funded by the National Science Foundation. She received procedural training from CMB scientists and was also given access to materials and transportable equipment.

Imondi estimates that upwards of 100 Foothill students have contributed to the BOLD initiative so far.

CMB which has relationships with high schools in more than 70 cities in 13 states across the U.S., has had a relationship with Foothill Technology High School for several years. Most recently, a handful of Foothill students participated in a mini food authentication study.

According to Imondi, the idea for the study was a product of a brainstorm between CMB and Duffy. The project which showcased how the Barcode of Life Database can be used in a practical manner had Foothill students collecting raw beef products, extrapolating DNA and creating barcodes to determine if there were other products beside beef residing within the meat.

"The idea was spawned after European beef tainted with horsemeat made international headlines," said Imondi of the IKEA scandal which linked traces of horsemeat in their meatballs, though no horsemeat was ever found in meatballs sold in the United States.

The project started with a team of four seniors - Torres, Jongseung Baek, Eric Moll and Emily Park - who collected 32 food products including ground beef, shaved steak, cooked and uncooked beef

patties and meatballs. The students then used the CMB lab to apply DNA Barcoding in order to detect the presence of horsemeat in each product.

"I enjoy being in the lab, and I liked the DNA barcoding project," said Park. "When Ms. Duffy asked if I could participate in a study that connected what we had just learned in class to a real, current issue, I didn't hesitate to say yes."

Venturans can rest easy that there was no horsemeat found in any of the meat products gathered and analyzed. The 5-day food authentication study was an extracurricular science project for the students.

Imondi explained that the entire goal of CMB is to be a resource for high school students and to foster interest in life sciences. It looks like it is working.

"The thrill of being able to catch consumer fraud was what first got me interested in working with CMB," said Torres. "I was also interested because it would give me another opportunity outside of school to work on my lab techniques."

Torres is exactly the type of student Imondi and his team at CMB wants to encourage.

"Our labs have been specifically designed for students," said Imondi who said their labs rival even some academic laboratories. "They have been built exclusively for science education."

"I still feel incredible that we did a scientific project in a real research facility," said Baek. "The best part of the project was staying late at the lab with my friends doing what we like to do and what we are good at, nothing really feels more satisfying."

New CEO for Ventura Boys & Girls Club

Boys & Girls Club President Ed Summers has announced that Patrick Davidson is the next Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura. Summers said, "Patrick's strong executive background combined with his knowledge and passion for our club was the ideal combination. He was the unanimous choice of the Search Committee and the Board of Directors."

Patrick brings a diverse leadership background to the Club as it celebrates its 75th year in the community. He was a former Senior Vice President of the Disney Channel where he produced high quality, socially conscious, motivational programming and marketing campaigns.

He is the winner of the Cable Ace award for outstanding children's specials plus a two-time Emmy Award nominee and a former national council member for the National Endowment for the Arts.

Recently he served as founder and Chairman of the non-profit "World We Want" Foundation.

Prior to his careers in the entertainment and philanthropic communities he spent a decade counseling at-risk children, teens and their troubled families in community centers. He is the co-founder of an innovative juvenile justice diversion program launched in 1969 and still operating today the National Youth Project.

CEO Patrick continues to dedicate his life's work to the advancement of youth, both globally and locally. He says, "I am very excited to join the dedicated

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staff of the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura. My goal is to continue to build on the outstanding work the organization has done serving youth and families in the area for the past 75 years.”

He and his wife, Roberta, both California natives, have lived in Ventura County for more than 25 years. Roberta is an RN at Community Memorial Hospital in Ventura and the co-producer and production manager for the “The World We Want” documentary.



Winners of the Grand Finals (and \$500) Buena High School students Brenden Warn and Erick Stevenson congratulate each other.

Young entrepreneurs win competition

On March 28, the Citywide Grand Finals were held in the City Hall Community Meeting Room for the Spring 2013 Business Pitch Competition where students from our local high schools presented ideas for new businesses in a competition to win the competition and cash prizes.

It was presented by the Synergy company under the direction of Sean Bhardwaj, Managing Director of Aspire: Entrepreneur Education Initiative, and was held before an overflow crowd, and judges from our local business and community leaders, who graciously volunteered their time.

The program is about teaching the students entrepreneurship through a 4 week program where they act as fledging entrepreneurs to create new ideas for business, services and products.

Sean Bhardwaj, a Foothill Technology High School graduate, said the program helps turn high school students into entrepreneurs.

Judge Indy Batra (CEO, MJP Technologies) said this about the event “What an opportunity for the local students to put together the presentation to bring their ideas to the public! The biggest winner, in my opinion, is the Aspire team itself for their efforts to encourage these students to come forward with their ideas.

“Presenters, with help from their mentors, have gained more knowledge of their products than they were really able to present in the 5 minutes slot they were allotted. Given a few extra minutes and a couple of questions or comments from the judges will help bring more out of them. Great encouragement by the Aspire Team and the Community and we should continue our support for the project. All the presenters should feel very proud and stay encouraged.”

And judge Debbie Golden (who sits on the board of education for VUSD) told us “It was an honor and a real pleasure to judge Aspire: Entrepreneur Education Initiative’s New Business Competition. The students

from Buena, VHS and Foothill were well prepared, engaged and very creative with their presentations. This competition embraces the same techniques that are being implemented through the Common Core Standards, relevance, rigor and real world knowledge. I was very impressed with the students and the program.”

Ed Summers (Ventura Chamber President and CEO) stated this about being a judge, “Last Thursday I joined a group of business and community leaders who served as judges for the second Aspire: Entrepreneur Education Initiative final awards presentations. The program provides instruction and support to students at the middle school, high school and community college level to learn entrepreneurial skills to develop the concept, design and business model for innovative new products and then “pitch” that business proposal to a group of “investors” (judges).”

This semester’s event included 9 teams of high school seniors presenting concepts ranging from new environmentally friendly fishing lures to photo sensitive automobile paint that would generate and conduct solar energy and recharge batteries for electronically powered vehicles.

The program is under the guidance of a volunteer team under the leadership of Mike Anderson and Sean Bhardwaj who are assisted by Adela Trainor, Joseph Briglio and Yiu Hung Li.

VUSD to hold Pacific Iron Chef Event

The Ventura Unified School District (VUSD) Food and Nutrition Services Department is hosting its 4th annual “Pacific Iron Chef Event” at Pacific High School, Friday, April 19, from 8 – 11 am. Local chefs and VUSD foodservice staff, and nutrition educators mentor high school students to prepare a healthy school lunch utilizing fresh, seasonal, local produce and USDA foods (commodities) incorporating culinary techniques.

The event is the culmination of a yearlong cooking and nutrition program for students sponsored by the VUSD Food and Nutrition Services and the Network for Healthy California. Students, staff and chefs all come away from the event with new relationships, new culinary skills, and a greater appreciation for delicious healthy eating whether it is a home, a restaurant or their school cafeteria.

The guest chefs this year are Wendy Shapira, chef consultant, Olivia Chase, chef at Farmer and the Cook restaurant, and Roberto Garcia, local caterer.

Network for Healthy California, a USDA funded contract with VUSD, helps fund this effort and supports nutrition related resources to qualifying schools. The VUSD Food and Nutrition Services Healthy School Project is the integration of Farm to School Salad Bars, classroom nutrition education, garden-enhanced nutrition education, agricultural literacy, and environmental stewardship. The HSP Nutrition Specialists provide hands on nutrition education, nutrition-based cooking and gardening lessons linked to math, language arts, and science. This supports VUSD’s Wellness Policy and a healthy school environment. Students that grow, prepare, and learn about healthy food are more likely to eat and enjoy it!

Pacific High School is located at 501 College Drive.



For 3 years in a row, Ventura City Corps has run the egg hunt event for the Harbor. They stuffed over 3,000 eggs with toys and candy and helped set up the area for over 700 kids to participate. Joe Cortez, Jodie Cortez, Chloe Kerson, Johnny Maldonado, Annabell Quien, Skyleur Beaujieu, Karl Zablocki, and Brandon Dominguez loved helping make the kids’ day. Photo by Brent Friedman-Brooks Institute.

Lots going on at City Corps

Ventura City Corps spent the last week of Spring Break assisting Ventura High School students remove 10,000 square feet of ivy to prepare for a future outdoor classroom for the Earth Science class. The ivy filled up a 40 yard roll off bin donated by EJ Harrison. A bobcat from Ventura Rental helped speed up the removal of the ivy.

Daily lunch was provided by the Culinary Arts teacher Pat Doler and Margarita Villa. The City of Ventura also donated two truckloads of fresh wood chips to mulch the area until work begins on the actual classroom construction. Another 12,000 SF of ivy still remains to be removed.

A large work area suitable for a full classroom seated at wood tables con-

structed by Ventura High Shop classes will serve the entire school population. Teachers know that kids learn better through experiential-based activities, and these outdoor classrooms provide that opportunity.

City Corps just received a \$2,500 grant from the Ventura Rotary group to assist with outdoor classrooms in Ventura. And they work directly with the landscape designer, Olwyn Kingery, who is a consultant with the National Wildlife Federation.

Ventura City Corps is a grant winner of the Youth Service America (YSA) Feed Hungry Children Initiative. Their project is collecting over 1,000 lbs. of fruit from home orchards in Ventura during the Global Youth Service weekend April 26-28.

Religion Mission receives relics

San Buenaventura Mission recently received two first class relics of venerated saints: St. Vincent de Paul and St. John Neumann. Nine saints’ relics were stolen in October, 2012. Eight relics were recovered and returned to the Mission thanks to the expedient investigation by the Ventura Police Department and public awareness by the media. A relic of St. Vincent De Paul was never recovered.

In February, 2013 two Vincentian priests visited the Mission and learned about the missing relic of St. Vincent de Paul. One of the priests, Fr. Gregory P. Cozzubbo, C.M. from Philadelphia is the Assistant Provincial for the Vincentian Fathers. In a letter to Fr. Tom Elewaut, pastor of the Mission, Fr. Cozzubbo said, “Our tour ended by showing us the Baptistry and was told of the story of the recent theft and recovery of a collec-

tion of relics. However, one relic was not recovered: St. Vincent de Paul. I must say that my heart sank! And so when I returned to Philadelphia I searched our coffers and found the enclosed relic of St. Vincent. Please accept it as a gesture of gratitude.”

The Vincentian priests were founded by St. Vincent de Paul as the Congregation of the Mission to minister in the missionary fields of the world. The Vincentian priests have also served as seminary professors forming priests to serve the Catholic Church throughout the world.

A relic of St. John Neumann was recently gifted to the Mission by Ginny McGeehan formerly from Philadelphia. Her aunt assisted with the cause for his canonization and received the relic in 1963.

San Buenaventura Mission now has a total of fourteen relics. To learn more about the relics at the Mission visit its website: www.sanbuenaventuramission.org

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Show Time

Where The Music Flows

Thank you, Janet Jackson!

by Michael Kohli

This week in the music rumormille world, it's been announced that Janet Jackson has decided to retire from music and film all together. After nearly three decades of hit albums, singles, movies, tours, magazine covers and countless music videos. What is she giving it all up for? Love. She is happily married to Wissam Al Mana. In recent pics of her and her new husband she looks very happy and at peace. A type of peace that her brother could never really seem to find in the world.

Of course, the Jackson family has its multi talented sibling stories. But, it always seemed like it was Michael and Janet that balanced each other out. The last decade of Michael's life turned into a media circus, where he was often poked fun of. Some people considered him a monster, a joke, yet, through all the craziness, to this day his label is still making profit off his death. Milking every dollar worth. Now, here we have Janet Jackson. The one who always seemed to be strong and in control. Yet, I wonder how she truly feels about her brother's image being tarnished by scandal, media wars, and record label greed.

Now that he's gone, what is to become of Janet Jackson? Perhaps, she is the smart one. Is her retirement just a rumor, temporary, or permanent? Only she knows. But, if you look at her recent history, she is at the top of her game now. To date, she now has released 10 studio albums (along with hits albums, non-album tracks and duets with other artists). For what would become her final tour in 2011, she gave her fans a 10 month world tour full of her greatest hits, and more. The set list had over 30 tracks in her set. Mixed in with medleys of songs as well. Whether or not it was planned, she ended her music career on a very successful high note. Number Ones hit album and single, "Make Me." She also did two movies in 2010.

I hope that Janet Jackson, has found her long term peace and happiness. I will miss seeing her smile. I'd say out of any pop music star diva, she was born with the smile that could light up the world on any given day. Janet Jackson, thank you so much for all your incredible years of songs and for always making me smile.

To the talented music and art community. Has your artistic side ever been influenced or affected by Janet Jackson? Feel free to share your thoughts on Janet Jackson with me VenturaLiveWire@gmail.com.

Two on the Aisle

King Agamemnom lands at Ojai Grange

by Jim Spencer and Shirley Lorraine

Francisca Beach has a mission to present a repertoire of classic European and American plays designed to enhance the local culture as well as entertain audiences. So, in 2009 she relocated her Senga Classic Theatre Company to Ojai to bring that mission to life.

Like moths to a flame, audiences and actors are being drawn to the Senga productions staged at the Ojai Valley Grange

Hall. They provide an outlet for actors and audiences alike to rediscover the beauty of the classics and the universality of the messages they contain.

Senga's current offering is the *Curse of the House of Atreus*.

Stories of the highly dysfunctional Atreus family are prominent in Greek mythology. Around 458 B.C. the playwright Aeschylus brought some of the tales together in a trilogy of tragedies called the *Oresteia* which tells of the family's trail of dastardly misbehaviors.

In the *Curse of the House of Atreus* Beach has adapted the first of Aeschylus' plays into an enjoyable, understandable and entertaining version of the original tale. It zeros in on King Agamemnon, a hero of the Trojan wars and member of the Atreus family. It explores themes of family dysfunction, war, priorities, loyalties and revenge – issues with which our society continually struggles. Since the play is a tragedy, you know it does not end well for some in the House of Atreus.

The show is mostly costumed in a combination of representative classic and modern garb, presumably to illustrate the timelessness of the message. At times it works well, such as the Messenger's kilts and Agamemnon's classic leather breastplate and camo pants. However, we found some of the staging aberrations to be more distracting than illuminating. Amusing? Yes, but often gratuitous and unnecessary.

Ventura County theater stalwarts Ron Rezac (Agamemnon) and Doug Friedlander (the Watchman) are featured, along with Johnny O'Grady (the Storyteller) and Natasha Zavala as Clymmenestra, the King's wife. The Greek chorus of three (Jennifer Brown, Chad Parker and George Miller) wear excellent masks, like those common in ancient Greek theater. This production is truly an ensemble work however, and the passion for the project is evident throughout the entire cast.

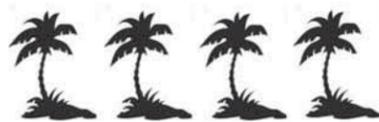
Innovative staging fully utilizes the otherwise challenging space. The audience members are warned they may become part of the action should they get out of their seats at any time – an announcement which lends an additional air of mystery: will actors come through the front door, the kitchen, stage left? Or will they stroll center stage perhaps almost landing in the audience members' laps? Traditional proscenium staging is also used to excellent advantage. The centerpiece is an art sculpture by local artist M.B. Hanrahan.

Curse of the House of Atreus, adapted and directed by Francisca Beach, continues until April 28 at the Ojai Valley Grange, 381 Cruzero Street, Ojai. Presented without an intermission, the 95 minute show plays Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets \$17, \$15 (Seniors and Students). 646-4885 or www.sengaclassicstagecompany.com.

The Entertainment Report Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, here are my picks of the week:



Olympus Has Fallen

Directed by Antoine Fuqua, this action thriller takes you to the edge of your seat with a non-stop intriguing script, non-stop action and powerhouse acting by Gerard Butler.

Disgraced former Presidential guard Mike Banning (Gerard Butler) is undermined and blamed for the loss of the First

Lady when her car crashes inches away from going over a cliff. Mike Banning, aide to the President, tries to rescue the First Lady, but the car plunges into the ocean.

Stuck in a dead end desk job in the White House, feeling disgraced by his actions and lack of heroism, Mike Banning is warned that the President (Aaron Eckhart) is being hijacked in the Oval Office by a North Korean terrorist and begins his mission to recount heroism and to save the President's son from danger in the interim. Using his training and inside knowledge Banning works with national security to rescue the President.

I thoroughly enjoyed each and every minute of this film, the story and scenes were easy to follow, the acting was authentic, and the plot was current with today's political issues.

Rated R Running time 121 minutes



Starbuck

Based on a true story, Starbuck is brilliantly directed by Ken Scott, starring Patrick Huard as David Wozniak, aka Starbuck, Julie Le Breton, as his girlfriend Valerie, and a host of humorously delicious characters. French Canadian language, subtitled in English, very easy to follow.

When David Wozniak contributes sperm to a sperm bank and when things go haywire, fatherhood takes on a whole new meaning and in the interim, he learns he is going to be a father with his long time girlfriend Valerie.

David's situation couldn't get any worse when he learns that his sperm donations have resulted in the insemination of 500 children, 100 of whom have filed a class action lawsuit against him to find out the true identity of their biological father.

Desperate to keep his secret buried, he doesn't tell his girlfriend or family but it all breaks loose when a reunion of his biological children is planned, and results in his face being plastered all over the papers.

The film has so many quirky lines, outstanding cast and characters, and a heartwarming plot. One of the best films I have seen this year. I laughed, I cried, and I recommend this film to anyone. Don't miss it!

Rated R Running time 109 minutes

Music Calendar 4/17 to 4/30

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

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

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

Live Bands and Musicians every Wed thru Sun

Brian Nicolette from 3 Man Weave every Wed

Blackbeard's Seaside BBQ

1591 Spinnaker Dr. #115, 805-650-7773

Open Mic/Jam Night with "Shure Thing" every Mon 6-9pm

Blue Grass Jam featuring: The Bottom Feeders every Thur 6-9pm

Acoustic Jams with "Ken Kong" every Fri, Sat & Sun 12pm

Fri 4/19 - Brian Faith Band 7-11pm

Sat 4/20 - Addicts Attic 6-10pm

Sun 4/21 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Fri 4/26 - Backtrack 7-11pm

Sat 4/27 - Loose Canyons 6-10pm

Sun 4/28 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Bombay Bar & Grill

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

Local Live Music every Thur thru Sun

Wed 4/17 - Ventura Jazz Collective 7pm

Fri 4/19 - Rubberneck Lions, KHGK double album release 9pm

Sat 4/20 - Bard & Rose, Jahmon Soul 9pm

Sun 4/21 - Bloody Mary Morning 2pm, Shoemaker Brothers 5pm

Wed 4/24 - Ventura Jazz Collective 7pm

Thur 4/25 - Natural Vibrations and Herbal Roots

Fri 4/26 - Mayors of Garratt, Sitster

ook, Bullet Made Statues, Shoemaker Brothers

Sat 4/27 - Shoemaker Brothers 1:30pm,

Hindsite 9pm

Sun 4/28 - Count Lorenzo

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It's All Good Bar & Grill

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Open Mike Night every Wed

Majestic Theater

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

Thur 4/18 - Band of Horses, The Olms 8pm

SOLD OUT

Sat 4/20 - The Gaslight Anthem 8pm

Sun 4/28 - Danzig with Doyle, Corrosion of Conformity, The Agonist 8pm

Sandbox Coffeehouse

204 E. Thompson Blvd., 805-641-1025

Thur 4/18 - Open Mic Night Hosted by

Jammin' Joe 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Sat 4/20 - Hard Times Band 12pm - 2pm

Sun 4/21 - RG Kanning 12pm - 1pm

Thur 4/25 - Open Mic Night Hosted by

Jammin' Joe 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Sat 4/27 - The Aveage Jim 12-2pm

Sun 4/28 - The Show Ponies 12 - 2pm

Squashed Grapes

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

Vocal Jazz Night every Tue 6:30-10pm

House Jazz Band every Fri 6:30-10pm

The Tavern

211 Santa Clara St., 805-643-3264

Live Bands every Tue thru Sat

"Honky Tonk Tuesdays" Country Night, Live

Country Band every Tue 8pm

Ventura County Blues Society Jam session

hosted by Tommy Marsh every Wed 8pm

Wed 4/17 - Ventura County Blues Society 9pm

Thur 4/18 - Randy Rich & The Roosters 9pm

Fri 4/19 - Three Man Weave, Shaky Feelin

10pm

Sat 4/20 - Emilbus, Jack of Hearts 10pm

Sun 4/21 - The Blue Suns 8pm

Tue 4/23 - Matt Sayles 9pm

Wed 4/24 - Ventura County Blues Society

with Jodi Ferrell 9pm

Thur 4/25 - Smooth Hound Smith 9pm

Fri 4/26 - Rich Sheldon 10pm

Sat 4/27 - The Shieks, The Roosters 10pm

W2O Rooftop Lounge

598 E. Main St. (above Watermark)

805-643-6800

Live Bands every Wed thru Sun

Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm

Thur 4/18 - Ventura Social Club with

Xoco and Coso Live

Fri 4/19 - Sound Effect

Sat 4/20 - Midnight Band

Sun 4/21 - Shawn Jones

Thur 4/25 - Pure Joy

Fri 4/26 - In Stone

Sat 4/27 - The Legalizers

Sun 4/28 - Kyle Hunt & The King Gypsies

Yolies/Hi Hat Entertainment

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Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri

8pm

Fri 4/19 - CocoMontoya Jeff Paris Band

Fri 4/26 - Jerry McWorter Band

Zoey's Café

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Live Musicians & Bands almost every night

Wed 4/17 - Green Art after part with

Deer Leg

Thur 4/18 - Fish Fry 7:30pm

Fri 4/19 - Marty O'Reilly Band, Chill Child &

Friends 7:30pm

Sat 4/20 - Brother Sal & Band 10pm

Tue 4/23 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm, John

Fullbright Parker, Millsap, Lee Kock 7:30pm

Wed 4/24 - Green Art after part with

Deer Leg

Fri 4/26 - Nathan Maxwell 7pm,

Oakstreet Blues Band 10pm

Sat 4/27 - Brother Sal & Band 10pm

Tue 4/30 - Hello Penelope, Leanna May

& The Matados, Alec Ledbetter 6pm

Lighter Breeze

Baby Blues



Buckles



Crock



Hagar the Horrible



Dustin



Tiger



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

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1 Employer
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14 Disencumber
15 Ornamentations
17 Fuss
18 Soap opera, e.g.
19 Bank job, e.g.
21 Lumberjack's need
22 India's first prime minister
24 Picnic invaders
27 "30 Rock" star
28 Recognize
31 Round Table address
32 Director Spike —
33 Dead heat
34 Thick chunk
36 Toss in
37 Snitched
38 High heels, often
40 Battery size
41 Void
43 Big step
47 Evening hour, in a way
48 Dulcimer's shape
51 Egos' counterparts
52 Medal earner
53 Unsigned (Abbr.)
54 Ignited
55 Cushiony
56 Singer Mouskouri

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1 Crazy
2 Shrek, e.g.
3 Burn some
4 Brownish photo hues
5 Reach 212 degrees F.
6 Grecian
7 Journey segment
8 "The Garden of Earthly Delights" painter
9 Decorative quilt design
10 Broad
11 Smell
16 Peace (Lat.)
20 Noah's craft
22 Has to have
23 Watched
24 Ninny
25 Zilch
26 Member of a silent religious order
27 Envelope part
29 OPEC export
30 Tie the knot
35 However
37 Burroughs hero
39 Legends
40 Noshed
41 Satanic
42 Calf-length
43 Name for a Dalmatian
44 New Rochelle school
45 "My Heart Will Go On" singer
46 Writer Ferber
49 — Speedwagon
50 Remark from 43-Down

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You easily handle your tasks this week, thanks to those high energy levels that never seem to run down. But pace yourself, Lamb, for the demanding week ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) With the arts dominant this week, you might want to pick up any of those creative projects you've neglected. A workplace situation benefits from some fresh insight.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Music helps replenish your energy levels. Play your CDs if you must. But a live concert could prove more rewarding, especially if you go with that very special someone.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Close friends reach out to help perk up your lagging social life. That workplace situation also eases, leaving you time to do more fun things by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A revelation clears up that perplexing job-related problem. Some changes will have to be made, which, no doubt, will meet with the Big Cat's roaring approval. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Reaching out to someone in need is the noble thing to do. But try to restrain the temptation to add a lecture — no matter how well-intended — to your good deed.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) There could be another tough challenge to face before the month is over. But all that hard work is winning you lots of important recognition from your peers.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Keeping to your work schedule could prove difficult with all those personal distractions. Best advice: Stay with it. There'll be time later for socializing.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Jumping hurdles this week might be vexing for most, but not for the sage Sagittarian, who recognizes that meeting a challenge can open up opportunities.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) More obstacles might be thrown in your path as you try to finalize a new agreement. But the sure-footed Goat ignores the stumbling blocks and stays the course.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) We know the Water Bearer takes pleasure in giving to others. But why not let someone else enjoy the experience too by accepting that offer of help?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might find you need to ease up on your hectic schedule this week. Don't fret about it. It could be helpful to take a break and replenish your energy supply.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a way of finding practical solutions to complex problems, and you do it with grace.

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Business



Matt Guthrie has always been a tireless advocate for Ventura

Chamber announces new manager

Matt Guthrie has joined the Ventura Chamber of Commerce as Public Policy and Government/External Affairs Manager. Matt will assist the President and Board of Directors with business advocacy, development of public policy and membership recruitment as well as work with business leader-

ship to determine effective public policy that will enhance the economic environment in Ventura.

“One of the primary roles for a Chamber is to initiate and advocate for public policy favorable to a strong business and economic environment. Businesses in the community depend on the Chamber to represent its interest when they do not have the time or resources themselves. Matt brings a strong level of experience and resources to the Chamber to enhance our efforts to support the business community,” said Ed Summers, President and CEO of The Ventura Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to joining the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, Matt served as the Principal Assistant for Senator Tony Strickland where he represented the Senator on a number of issues affecting Ventura and the surrounding areas. His role as a senior staff member included meeting with elected officials, speaking to community organizations, and providing direct input on legislation relating to a number of issues, especially those affecting West Ventura County.

“I have always been a tireless advocate for Ventura in both my personal and professional life,” said Guthrie. “I have lived in Ventura my entire life and have so many friends and family here. To me, this is like working from home. I am eager to work with the amazing staff at the Ventura Chamber of Commerce and help the local business community thrive.”



On April 9, the Western Federal Credit Union had their grand opening ribbon cutting.

“Cutting up” was Ventura Mayor Mike Tracy while Western Federal employees and Ventura Chamber of Commerce members cheered him on.

They are located at 1722 Victoria Ave. in the Ralph’s Shopping Center.

Matt lives with his wife and two children.

Additionally, Matt has regularly contributed to legislative and government affairs committees for various Chambers of Commerce, as well as the Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA) and the

Regional Defense Partnership for the 21st Century (RDP-21). He has also organized advisory committees consisting of community and business leaders from various industries, including real estate, insurance, agriculture, faith-based organizations, the medical field and many others.

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Art Scene



Poinsettia Elementary school 5th grader Nadala, shows off her Creature with Character, inspired by world renowned wildlife artist and FOTM documented artist, Lindsey Scott. The careful study of her subjects and years of practice set the example for Learning to See students to aspire to.

Gift Shop to aid education outreach programs

Focus on the Masters Volunteers will have a Gift Shop for three days only on April 26, 27 & 28 from 10 – 5. It will be held at the FOTM Archive & Library, 505 Poli Street, Suite 405 (right behind City Hall).

The Gift Shop will carry unique, hand-made and lovingly crafted gift items that are perfect for babies and brides, Dads and grads, and especially Mom. These gifts are perfect for all of your spring gift needs.

A portion of the proceeds benefits FOTM acclaimed education outreach programs.

Shoppers can select from a variety of one-of-a-kind items including colorful quilts, elegant or casual purses, jewelry, blown glass vases, cocktail aprons, meticulously crafted wood boxes and pens,

luxurious hand-painted silk scarves, ceramics and much more. All items are produced by FOTM volunteers, board members and staff, and outstanding Ventura County artists.

The Gift Shop coordinator and FOTM board member Cecile Gurrola-Faulconer comments “For three days arts enthusiasts will be able to shop ‘til they drop and not feel guilty. Not only will there be an awesome array of gift items, we’ll be raising money for FOTM’s educational outreach programs that brings to our schools art lessons that integrate the life and work of our FOTM documented artists with other school studies.”

Focus on the Masters is a non-profit archive and library dedicated to documenting and celebrating artists whose work has had a profound effect on our community. In addition to the Learning to See youth outreach program, FOTM programming includes a monthly artist interview series conducted by founder and executive director Donna Granata, and many other special arts-related events for people of all ages.

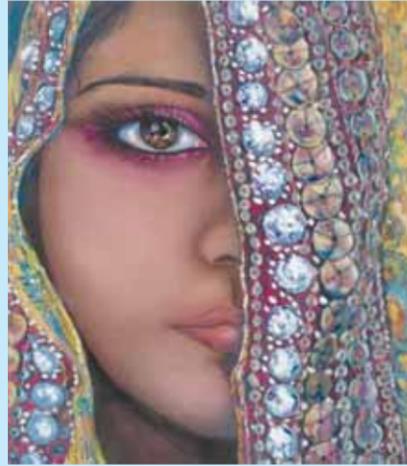
From April 17 – May 10 the Learning To See Youth Outreach Art Showcase will be presented at Buenaventura Art Association Harbor Village Gallery. With a reception April 19 from 5-8pm

The public is invited to this exhibition featuring artwork created in FOTM’s Learning To See Youth Outreach, along with Donna Granata’s photographic portraits of the artists that inspired their lessons.

FOTM is an art appreciation program that documents, preserves and presents the works and lives of accomplished contemporary artists. Participating schools in this exhibit are Poinsettia and Loma Vista Elementary Schools, DeAnza and Cabrillo Middle schools and Fremont Intermediate School.

For more information about Learning To See, contact Education@FocusOnTheMasters.com or 653.2501. To learn more about Focus on the Masters, visit www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or call 653.2501.

Art, a la Carte



Curiosity about world cultures turned Tasia Erickson into “a virtual traveler” and the Ventura painter turns her online explorations into art. “Exotic Places and Faces,” an exhibition of her recent pastel paintings, which runs April 23-May 18 at the Buenaventura Gallery in downtown Ventura.

“I have always been fascinated by other cultures and especially the people,” Erickson said. “I want my solo show to take everyone away to these amazing places.”

Erickson will be on hand to guide tours during an opening reception 4-7 p.m. April 27 and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 28, unusual Sunday hours for the gallery.

But the “Exotic Places and Faces” that caught her eye and spurred her curiosity will come to colorful life in the Ventura show in 30 pieces ranging in size from 10 inches square to 24 by 30 inches.

The Buenaventura Gallery, at 700 E. Santa Clara St., is open noon-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, visit the Buenaventura Art Association website at www.buenaventuragallery.org or call 648-1235.



The wonderful Baker family will once again offer free face painting at Paint Ventura’s 5th free creative adventure in Downtown Ventura at the Ventura Breeze booth. You will also be able to purchase a genuine Ventura Breeze cap or T-shirt and make your friends jealous.

The April 27 weekend features a variety of artists in all mediums creating, selling and teaching in downtown Ventura. Fun free activities both days encourages people of all ages to visually explore historic Downtown Ventura’s art scene and a variety of California creative talents.

For more information please check the web-site www.PaintVentura.com or call Red Brick Gallery at 643-6400.



Wanda Ferrin, a Simi Valley artisan, loves working with clay because through it she can create work that is both beautiful and functional. Her love affair with clay began when she enrolled in Moorpark College in 1997 “to make a few dishes” and ended up staying for eight semesters, absorbing everything she could about the captivating medium.

(Wanda Ferrin, 527-4295, www.FerrinPottery.com)

Her clay Beauty in Function will be on display through April 30 at the Ventura County Potters’ Guild Gallery at the Ventura Harbor Village.

Call for Entries

Buenaventura Art Association announces a Call for Entries for a Collage & Mixed Media Open Competition, to be held at the association’s Harbor Village Gallery. The exhibit will run from May 15 through June 10. Deadline for entries is midnight May 4. Cash prizes and membership benefits will be awarded at a reception and ceremony on Friday, May 17. Artist Peggy Pownall will be the juror.

A mixed media painter, Pownall has been an Artist-in-Residence at Studio Channel Islands Art Center in Camarillo since 2008. With an art degree from Pepperdine University, she has also studied in Italy.

“I am interested in a visual expression of themes such as identity, longings, personal mythology, iconic memories and the relationship between our interior and exterior existence,” says Pownall. “My paintings are as much about what is buried as what is revealed.”

The competition is open to all artists in central and southern California. A prospectus may be downloaded from the Buenaventura Art Association’s website at www.buenaventuragallery.org. Please read all rules and policy information carefully. Entries must be submitted electronically and uploaded online at the same website.



Ventura artist Erik Abel was asked by the National Cherry Blossom Festival to design the official artwork for their 2013 Festival. The artwork, which is displayed on Festival posters, promotional materials, and merchandise, is a significant element in honoring the tradition of the Festival while making each year unique. In addition to the official artwork, a new collection by Abel will be featured in the Festival’s group art show, Branching Out.

“Designing the artwork for the Festival was a fun challenge” said Abel. “Natural elements are a focus in much of my art... I rarely paint manmade objects or structures. But the elegance and significance of the monuments brings them to life.”



On Saturday, April 13, the Big Bad Voodoo Daddy benefit concert for art and music programs was held at the Ventura High School Auditorium to a standing room crowd as people were turned away.

Proceeds went to the art and music programs, including choir, jazz, theater, marching band, orchestra, visual and performing arts for VUSD’s elementary, middle and high school students. BBVD started in 1993 in none other than Ventura, their hometown and some band members still have children in our schools. The concert also featured the wonderful Ventura High’s Company Choir. Photo by Ana Baker.

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