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Camerata Pacifica director Adrian Spence, appearing here with supporter Sandra Laby, enjoys having the Camerata perform at the Temple Beth Torah in Ventura.

## Camerata Pacifica director pushes classical envelope

by Tim Pompey

For Camerata Pacifica artistic director Adrian Spence this is a special moment in the history of classical music. "We are in the most creative time since the beginning of classical music," he said.

Spence believes that what used to be the primary venue of white European males has now been opened to a much broader audience thanks to the rise of a large middle class and the development of a whole new host of delivery systems. "What you now have is the globalization of classical music," he said. "Compositions are now available from all parts of the world and from cultures that predate Europe."

Spence grew up in Ireland not far from Belfast. He remembers the key moment in his life when he first touched the piano. "I was seven," he recalled, "and knew even then that I was going to be a professional musician."

When he was nine, somebody gave him a flute to play and it stuck. He maintained his flute studies all the way through his university days in England.

After graduation, he began to look for work as a flute player and found that the creative spirit of classical music had been severely stifled. "As a young flute player just trying to get work, the orchestras I played in were pickup orchestras," he explained. "They were more interested in the pearls they wore and I was just fed up."

Spence founded the Camerata Pacifica  
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Mayor Mike Tracy, Council member Christy Weir, Deputy Mayor Cheryl Heitmann and Councilmember Brian Brennan presenting the new sign announcing the future park.

## New park coming to West Ventura

On April 24, under a cloudy sky the City of Ventura and The Trust for Public Land (TPL) hosted a "sign raising" event to announce the next step in the creation of a new park at the corner of Kellogg Street and Ventura Avenue (called Kellogg Park at the moment). Community members and families attended the ceremony, which included comments by several elected officials.

Elena Brokaw, City of Ventura Parks, Recreation, and Community Partnerships Department, told the Breeze "The celebration at the site of

the future Kellogg Park on Wednesday, April 24th may have been called a "sign raising" – but it was about much more than a simple sign. The lot at the corner of Kellogg Street and Ventura Avenue has been vacant for years, but now there are concrete plans in place to turn the site into a neighborhood park. When the City Council voted in February of this year to partner with the Trust for Public Land, and initiate purchase of the site, it jumpstarted the dreams of the community into reality. Without  
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## City of Ventura strengthens fiscal health

City Manager Mark Watkins presented a budget Balancing Plan to the Ventura City Council during the recent study session that will set the City on track for stronger fiscal health. The "transitional" budget for the 2013-14 Operating and Capital Improvement Budget will accomplish two important things: it will close the budget gap without borrowing from fund balances, and begin to pay back the internal service funds.

Economic challenges have plagued cities throughout California, and Ventura has not been immune to the alarming effects. Keep in mind that the grips of the recession have caused significant changes in revenue: a decrease of \$16M over the last 5 years. To

make matters even more challenging, the City's General Fund balance was reduced by approximately \$10M over the last 5 years.

The City has been steadfast at balancing the revenue slump with reductions in expenditures since 2008-09 when the financial crisis peaked. While feeling the pinch, the City was able to provide the community with existing services by tapping into its fund balances, essentially the "savings" accounts, to make ends meet. Although this was an appropriate action given the state of the economy, it is now time to begin repaying these funds. This budget begins to repay the Workers' Compensation Fund, Public Liability Fund, and Information Technology Fund.

Based on revenue and expense forecasts, as well as the initial pay back to the various fund balances, the City is facing a \$1.6M shortfall this year. The proposed Balancing Plan will not only  
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One of the owners of Island Packers Cheryl Connolly and her mom enjoying the moment of the arrival of their new boat Island Explorer.

## Island Packers celebrates 45 years with new catamaran

On Tuesday, April 30 Island Packers' new 64-foot Catamaran, Island Explorer arrived in the Ventura Harbor.

Island Packers hosted dockside tours and a christening of the Island Explorer. Beverages and light appetizers were served, provided by Milano's Italian Restaurant and The Greek at the Harbor.

Island Packers' new catamaran was delivered from All American Marine in Bellingham, Washington with their fleet manager, Alex Brodie, his father Sandy Brodie, and 2 crew members.

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Project Understanding Executive Director Jim Duran addressing the large audience at "Hope Worth Giving."

## Project Understanding transforms many lives

On April 25, 2013 Project Understanding held its Hope Worth Giving breakfast fundraiser at the Crowne Plaza in Ventura. The event, which provides support for the agency's entire program was a huge success. There were 200 people in attendance and speakers shared true-life stories of brokenness and hopelessness.

The huge crowd in attendance was greeted by Project Understanding  
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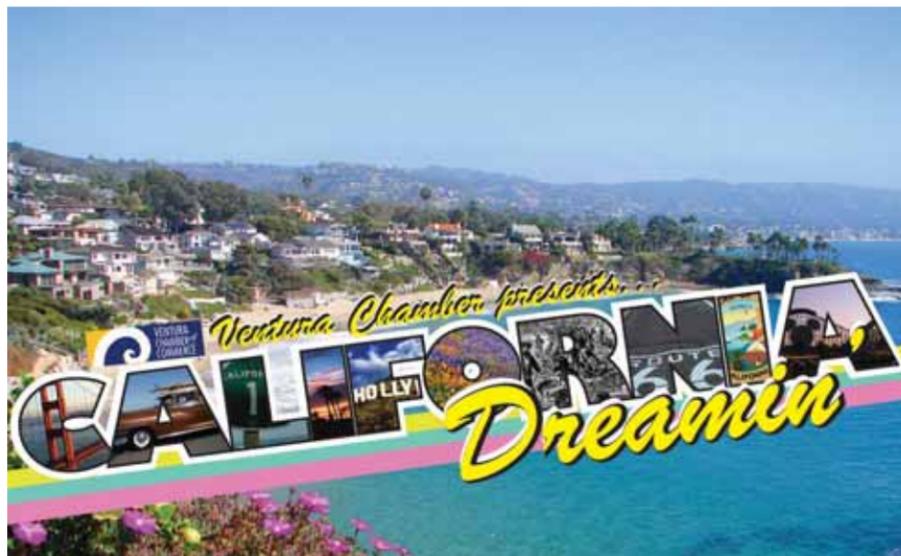
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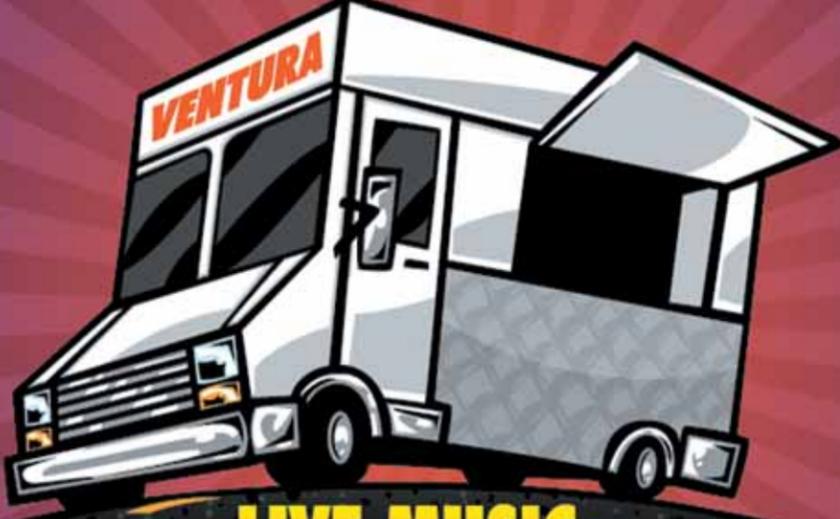
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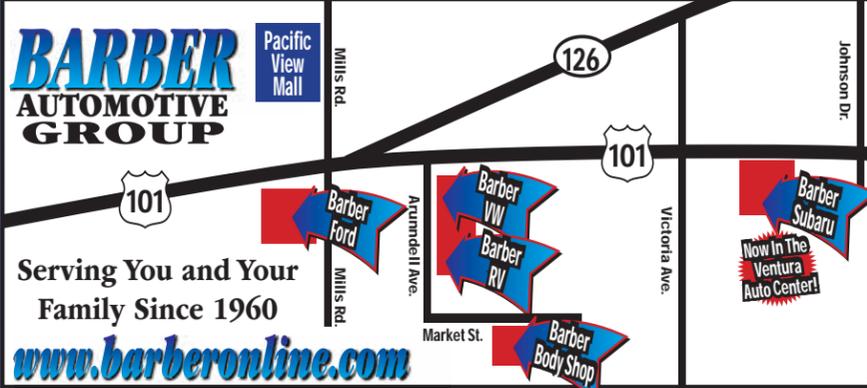


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## City News

# Share the Road

by Derek Towers

Bicycle Coordinator, City of Ventura

Cycling in Ventura just got better, and safer. Residents and visitors can enjoy riding on many scenic bike trails or, if you're one of the hundreds of people who bike to work or use bicycling as your main mode of transportation, several improvements have been installed in our main corridors.

Thanks to the City's Bicycle Master Plan that was adopted in 2011, a variety of projects and programs including capital improvements, maintenance improvements, and educational programs that provide long term safety benefits have been identified and are being implemented as funding becomes available. Many of the capital improvements will also benefit vehicular traffic as well.

The annual bike count shows a clear pattern that bicycle ridership in Ventura is up. In fact, there is a 40-150% increase in areas where bicycle facility improvements have been made and small increases where no improvements have been made. This is important to measure because bike riding is an integral component of the city's mobility system that provides transportation alternatives.

Just recently, the Harmon Barranca multi-use path and bridge was installed and now connects the existing path along the 126 Freeway to the Community Park. This connection closed one of the last remaining gaps along this route, and when the final segments are completed this separated bike path will run from Telephone and Main Streets all the way east to Petit Avenue.

Bike boxes were recently installed on Main Street to work in conjunction with combined turn lanes. This is how they work. During the green phase of the signal, bicyclists and turning vehicles share the

right lane. Then, during the red phase of the signal, bicyclists, after using the combined turn lane, clear the turn lane by moving into the bike box. This creates an unobstructed turn lane for vehicles turning right during the red phase of the signal. Motorists must stop behind the limit line in advance of the green box, per the California Vehicle Code.

Another new street treatment is the regulatory sign, "Bikes May Use Full Lane," which has replaced many of the "Share the Road" signs. These signs were changed out concurrently with the addition of sharrows. Sharrows are markings of a bike with two arrows above it, that are on the street to help bicyclists position themselves away from parked cars to avoid being struck by an open car door and to alert motorists to expect bicyclists to travel in the lanes. Moving in the lane to avoid car doors, even if occupying the entire lane, is permitted by the California Vehicle Code. Remember, sharrows are used for lanes that are shared by bicyclists and motorists; bike lanes are for bicyclists only and are marked with a solid white line. The signs reinforce that under certain conditions, in order to be safe, cyclists may "take the lane." Keep in mind that cyclists have the same rights on the road, and are required to follow the same rules.

To celebrate Bike to Work Day on Thursday, May 16, the City will be sponsoring its traditional pit stop at the intersection of Santa Clara and California Streets from 6 am to 9am. Bike riders can stop by for a free bicycle tune-up from Trek Bikes, refreshments, and a chance to win raffle prizes. We invite you to join us on this day, and every day to share the road. For more information visit [www.cityofventura.net/bicycling-and-walking](http://www.cityofventura.net/bicycling-and-walking).

## Ventura Pier Photo Contest

Amateur and professional adult and youth photographers are invited to enter their best images celebrating the Ventura Pier in Pier into the Future's Digital Photography Contest until May 17.

Entering is easy, free and by email. Photos must include the Ventura Pier. Judging is by Pier into the Future board members and volunteers. One winner will receive two tickets to Pier Under

the Stars and a Pier into the Future gift basket, and their photo will appear on the 20th Anniversary poster for Pier Under the Stars- Ventura's premier wine and food event held October 5, in support of the Pier and in the Ventura Breeze.

Eligible images from a digital camera set at no less than 3 mega pixels high resolution or digitally scanned if from a non-digital camera must be in either JPG or PNG digital format at a file size of between 3 megabytes and 9 megabytes at 300 dpi.

Pier into the Future is celebrating its

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## Summer Adult Leagues

The City of Ventura is currently taking summer registration for Adult Sports Leagues in softball, basketball, indoor volleyball, flag football and dodge ball with a registration deadline of May 30. Information available at [www.cityofventura.net/adultsports](http://www.cityofventura.net/adultsports) or [www.teamsideline.com/ventura](http://www.teamsideline.com/ventura) or call 658-4738.

League games will be played during the week after 6 pm and on weekends at local parks in Ventura starting June 10. League Fees range from \$275-\$350 with additional fees paid for umpires and referees.

## City of Ventura Classes

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### City of Ventura strengthens

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close the budget gap but help the City turn the corner by taking steps to pay back its "savings" accounts. To cut costs in the coming fiscal year, further reductions have been proposed across-the-board in areas where the accumulated impact will cause the least hardship, and 10.5 full time positions are recommended for elimination.

It is noteworthy to mention that past budget and service cutbacks have eliminated more than 100 positions, increased employee contributions of both medical costs and retirement costs, reduced landscape maintenance and park service levels, reduced street repairs and resurfacing, reduced hours at the Senior Centers and reduced litter pick-up just to name a few.

As the City continues to meet financial challenges today, there are still financial issues ahead to bear in mind. The budget does not: fully fund Internal Service Funds, streets, infrastructure needs, Phase II of the Crime Reduction and Reinvestment Plan, or the 2014-15 funding for Fire Station 4. Nonetheless, it moves the City in the right direction by not borrowing from its internal fund balances, and strives to maintain the City Council's four main goals: Promote Prosperity and Economic Development, Public Safety and Core Services, a Safe and Clean Ventura, and Rebuilding Public Trust.

In a dynamic economy, flexibility and prioritization are key. So, the Balancing Plan also includes the charge to pursue expenditure reductions and revenue enhancements throughout the year and staff may come back to the City Council when changes are needed.

Watkins said, "The desires are greater than our resources right now. We're balanced again and we're starting to turn the corner. We need to find ways to backfill the reserve fund."

"It made sense to borrow at one time," he said. "But those times have passed."

The Ventura City Council has tough decisions to make to balance the budget. The Public Hearing for the budget adoption is expected to be on the City Council agenda on June 17. The meeting is at 6pm in Council Chambers at City Hall. For more information visit [cityofventura.net](http://cityofventura.net) and attend the meeting to express your views and concerns about spending cuts and expenditures.

### New park coming to West Ventura

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the advocacy of community members, leadership of community groups, championship of the Parks and Recreation Commission, courage of the City Council, and experience of the Trust for Public Land, this project would not be on the fast track it's on today."

"To keep the project moving forward, the Westside Community Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission are jointly convening a "Kellogg Park Working Group," which will meet the last Wednesday of each month, from 5 to 6:30 pm, in City Hall. Interested participants are invited to attend — all meetings are open to the public. "



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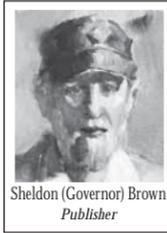
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# Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown  
Publisher

It appears that the summer music concert above city hall might actually be happening this summer. Hope so, very good for Ventura, and especially downtown businesses. Will keep you posted.

On Sunday, May 5 Diane and I went to the Majestic Ventura Theatre to see the latest Count Basie Orchestra as part of the Ventura Music Festival.

Directed (and narrated) by Dennis Mackrel it was a great concert highlighting the big band music of the late William "Count" Basie. Maybe because I grew up with the music I just love it and thoroughly enjoyed it as did the large audience, many of whom were dancing on the dance floor set up right below the orchestra.

And on May 11 we attended the last concert of the Ventura Music Festival to hear MPact, an A cappella 6 man singing group. When they started I said to Diane "I thought there were no instruments and I hear drum and base which turned out to be 2 of the singers. In fact the "drum" had a 10 minute solo which was amazing.

Look forward to another great festival next year; be sure to attend.

Went to look at the progress of the proposed Wal-Mart and was shocked to see only a concrete slab and some supporting elements. I guess when they remodel they really remodel. I would guess about 6 months to opening, but some of these big stores seem to go up very quickly. And talk about openings Diane and I went to check out the new Winco. Now I don't do any shopping (or cooking) but I was impressed and so was Diane.

A very large bulk food assortment including dog and cat food. Of course Diane would need to drive at least 2 miles further (funny what Ventura does to distance).

A recent study shows that Ventura Avenue has the highest rate of car accidents involving pedestrians and bicycles of any street in Ventura. An astonishing forty-one percent of such incidents in the city occur on that street.

Now there will be lots of studies to figure out why, but if you have driven down

the "Avenue" the reason is very obvious. People there blindly ride their bikes across the street wherever and whenever they wish without looking as do many pedestrians



This is not a swap meet but the future Wal-Mart.

(some as they look only at their cell phones while texting).

Simple solutions "look before you cross the street".

And talking about the "Avenue" as part of a refurbishment of the Westpark Community Center the Born Learning Trail has been installed. The trail is a



Follow the bouncing signs to listen to the bird calls.

project of United Way and First 5 of Ventura County and was installed with funds from the Ventura County Star and the Scripps Howard Foundation.

The Born Learning Trails (see the sign) are designed to encourage interaction between young children and adults and is the 4th in Ventura County. The trail has 9

stations where instructions lead children and their parents in such activities as stopping and listening to bird calls and reading stuff on the concrete walk.

One side in English and the other side in Spanish. Now I know that this is not PC, especially for a liberal like me but when we (The US) is in the process of passing immigration legalization laws that (in part) say that to become a citizen one must read and speak English and at the same time we print things in a different language that seems to me to give a very mixed and strange message.

Like "We want you to learn English but it's okay if you don't".

A 2-year-old Kentucky girl was accidentally shot to death by her 5-year-old brother with a rifle he had received as a birthday gift. The rifle is a Crickett designed for children and sold under the slogan, "My First Rifle". It is a smaller weapon that comes in child like colors (kind of like crayons), including pink, red and swirls.

Last month, Brandon Holt, 6, was accidentally shot to death by a 4-year-old playmate in New Jersey.

When do we start holding parents who are "teaching" their kids proper gun use responsible for accidents like this?

A proposal to nearly triple the number of apartments in a section of Ventura's oldest public housing project has met with opposition from city planning officials and community members. Ventura Housing Authority officials presented the conceptual stage proposal to them.

It would tear down 46 apartments off Ventura Avenue in a portion of the Westview Village housing project and raise the number of housing units to 120 with the new construction. The 12.5 acre site now has 180 apartments for low-income residents. It was thought that the proposal lacked details on parking and that some design elements were lacking.

Architect Tyson Cline, chairman of the Design Review Committee, said, "We're looking at a piece of a larger project, but the question is how does this fit in with the rest of the development and the surrounding neighborhood?"

And wouldn't this just add more cars to the "Avenue"?

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Ventura

Dear Esteemed City, County and State officials and leaders of our great communities,

As each day passes, the situation at McGrath State Beach worsens and our business/tourism and personal health is at risk. Was all the time and money in saving McGrath in vain? Economically it impacts the State, the County and the Cities in the region. I have been a business owner in Ventura Harbor for almost 20 years, and this unnecessary flooding is just beyond common sense. We have dealt with this in the past and we have taken it to many government levels and continue to get the same lame excuses that only a "natural flow of water" can officially break the sand berm.

That is just ridiculous and it is time somebody stepped up and called for emergency action to get volunteers out

to dig out the berm and let nature take its course. We have dozens in the Harbor waiting for the "word". A topic that I have yet to see mentioned is the Mosquito problem that will wreck havoc on what visitors do make it to our coastline. This huge amount of stagnant water is perfect breeding ground for 100 times more mosquitoes than we have ever seen in the past. Tourists (nor residents) do not like mosquitoes and they will be all over town, not just in the coastal areas. In San Bernardino, a new strain called Dragon is said to carry an even deadlier virus than the West Nile.

Please, let us break the berm now!! We can ill afford to lose any business in the City and County in what should be a decent summer season - but not if we are covered in mosquitoes!!

Sincerely,  
Lynn Mikelatos,  
Owner, The Greek at the Harbor and  
Margarita Villa, Ventura Harbor  
Community Council Co-Chair

Dear Sheldon,

OK, you've done it now. Just when I thought The Breeze couldn't get any better, (and Scamp any darn cuter) you delight me with color! You have gradually introduced more color into your publication; not just in the display

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## Have lunch with a "celebrity"

Is there a "celebrity" in Ventura that you would like to have lunch with?

Just let us know who, and why and we will see if we can arrange it (you can decide who a "celebrity" is).

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- Ansel Adams



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## Annual Garden Party for the Boys & Girls Club

The 20th Annual Garden Party for the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura is scheduled for May 19, 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the historic Pierpont Inn, 550 Sanjon Road.

This signature event is Ventura's original wine and food tasting event.

The 20th Annual Garden Party experience includes:

Tasty samples from some of the area's finest restaurants, caterers, confectioners and bakeries. Sips of fine wines and brews. A silent auction.

Count Lorenzo's Band performing live in the garden.

Caricature artist, Mike Brenestall.

100% of the event's proceeds will benefit the youth (6-18 years of age) at the Club's five centers in Ventura, Oak View and the new E. J. Harrison Family Youth Center scheduled to open in the Fall. The award-winning 75-year-old Club features after-school and summer-time programs designed to develop the

whole child. 2013 is the 75th anniversary year with many special events and celebrations scheduled.

Advance tickets are available for \$50 each or \$60 at the door, the day of the event. For more event information or to order tickets check the website at [www.bgclubventura.org](http://www.bgclubventura.org) or call 641-5585.

## Garden Festival for Ventura Botanical Gardens

The Ventura Botanical Gardens is holding its second annual Garden Festival on Saturday, May 18th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. behind Ventura City Hall at Grant Park. There will be gardening workshops, children's gardening activities, raffles, good food, music, and an array of local vendors specializing in plants, garden-related arts, personal items and unique fun things with an emphasis on natural and renewable materials.

Kids will love hands-on projects and a puppeteer and Tinker Bell who will be there at noon to sing and tell stories.

The schedule for the gardening workshops is:

## Community Events

**11:15 am** - Succulents, Carol Haverty,

Camarillo Park & Recreation educator

**12:15 pm** - Attracting Birds & Butterflies, Lisa Burton, Nature by Design

**1:15 pm** - Urban Organic Food Production, Randy Ritchie, Malibu Compost,

the creator of Bu's Biodynamic Compost ("fairy dust" for the garden)

**2:15 pm** - Ocean Friendly Gardens, Renee Roth, Ventura Water

**3:15 pm** - Biological Pest Control, Kyra Rude, Rincon-Vitova Insectaries

Artist Patricia Kochel, who paints under the name Patricia Harrington, will be there to sign prints of her watercolor, which was commissioned for this event.

Tickets are \$15 and children 12 and under are free with adults. Tickets may be purchased online at [VenturaBotanicalGardens.com](http://VenturaBotanicalGardens.com) or from a friendly volunteer once you arrive. Park in the lot behind Ventura City Hall at 501 Poli Street and come join the party!

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](http://www.JNetOnline.org) or [JNetVentura@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**May 19: The Channel Cities Jazz Club's** featured band is The Buzz Maddox Octet, a big band swing group fronted by vocalist Al Alexio, along with Sam Glenn on tenor sax, Dennis Kaye on saxophone, Ed Weiss on trombone, Latif on bass and Fred Dean on piano, Simon Thompson on drums. Event will take place at **Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club**, 2600 South Harbor Blvd., Oxnard, from 1p.m. to 4p.m. Members \$7.00, non members \$10.00 info: 487-3062 [www.channelcitiesjazzclub.org](http://www.channelcitiesjazzclub.org)

**May 19: Camerata Pacifica's 23rd season final performance** Sunday, 3 p.m. at the Temple Beth Torah. We say farewell to violinist Catherine Leonard, and we say hello to mezzo-soprano Kate Allen as we introduce her to Camerata audiences. The program opens with the *Oboe Quintet* of Sir Arnold Bax. The quintet will be led by the astonishing oboist Nicholas Daniel, with Catherine, Ara Gregorian, Richard O'Neill and Ani Aznavoorian. Kate Allen will be joined by Warren Jones for performances of the *Gypsy Songs, Op. 55* and the season will be brought to a rousing close as Warren is joined by Catherine, Ara, Richard and Ani in Dvořák's *Quintet No. 2 in A Major, Op. 81*, which was heard in its wind transcription earlier in the season.

**May 20: Library Databases 11:00-11:45** - learn about various online databases. Level: Beginner. Classes are free and open to the public. Call Foster Library at 648-2716 for more information.

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Tickets for the concerts, as well as additional information on Camerata Pacifica can be found at [www.cameratapacifica.org](http://www.cameratapacifica.org) or by calling 884-8410.

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## Foster Library bringing it on

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Due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 27, trash and recyclables or green waste will be collected one day later than usual the entire week of May 27 - June 2 in the Cities of Ventura and Ojai.

Thank you and Happy Holiday  
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# News and Notes

## CAPS Chat

### CAPS at EcoFest

by Elizabeth Rodeno

CAPS had a booth at the EcoFest Earth Day festival and was happy to see members and meet prospective ones. It was great to see the many organizations devoted to Ventura and our environment.

Our "Big Ventura River Clean-Up" piece was screened at the Wild and Scenic film festival and was well received. Thanks to the Ventura Hillside Conservancy for their commitment to cleaning up the river. "Giving a Hand Up" was premiered at the Project Understanding's most recent fundraising breakfast and received a round of applause. During production of this informational and inspirational project, we met many of the staff and clients, heard their success stories and reaffirmed how important Project Understanding and other community organizations are to the residents of Ventura.

The Ventura College Pirate Soup-Water Science video won a Hometown Award at the Alliance for Community Media for best educational video. The awards event takes place at the end of the month at the national conference. Leadership Ventura's latest class spent a fun afternoon producing a television show as part of their Media Day program. It is always a pleasure to introduce new people to CAPS and share what we do. We worked with some budding stars, both in front of and behind the cameras.

CAPS Digital Storytelling program is accepting applications. Digital Storytelling is for 11 to 17 year olds who learn to create videos from start to finish in one week. Classes begin July 29th and run thru August 16th. For more information and an application click on CAPSTV.org.

Check out our sister station, VTV Channel 15, and watch great government and educational programming. Don't forget, we continue to provide live coverage of city meetings. Check the schedule at CAPSTV.org for dates and times.

Our website provides links to our Vimeo channel to watch many of our shows.

For the low annual fee of \$25 learn to use our cameras, editing bays and studio to produce your own show and submit it to the 2013 CAPPIE Awards. You could be a winner! Call (805)658-0500 for more information about joining. Check out our website at www.capstv.org, Facebook at CAPS-TV Ventura and our Vimeo page www.vimeo.com/capstv.



## Michael Harris coming to Ventura

Renowned Gospel singer, Michael Harris is returning to The River Community Church. He will do a special concert on Sunday, June 2 at 5:30 PM as well as sharing his personal testimony and some incredible stories from the past.

He has visited TRC on many occasions and is greatly loved by the community.

The complimentary gourmet coffee bistro is open at 4:45 PM and there is a nursery for infants and toddlers. TRC is located at 889 E. Santa Clara St. For more information about The River Community Church, [www.TheRiverCommunity.org](http://www.TheRiverCommunity.org) or 648-7955.



Bring a lunch and have a picnic after cleaning up our beach. Photo by George Robertson.

## Beach cleanup and Seaside picnic

On May 18, from 10am-noon Ventura locals are invited to join Compassionate Eating and the Ventura County Vegans for the second annual Beach Clean Up and Seaside Picnic at Ventura State Beach. They will be meeting under the Ventura Pier. Bring a bag, glove or pogy and let's give our beaches some love!

Ventura Harbor Freight has donated some pogy/picker uppers for the cleanup and there will be some extra bags and gloves available too. Folks are welcome to bring lunch, and beach blanket and hang out after the clean up. All beach cleaners will have their toes in the sand during pick up time, so keep your belongings and coolers in your car until lunchtime. Please feel free to wander to whichever area calls you at whatever time works for you. For more info please call Bianca at 340-8137.

## EMS-A vital public service

By Kris McDonald  
Fire Captain, Ventura City Fire Department

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital public service, and May 19th - 25th is national EMS Week. EMS Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics across the Country. It is an opportunity to recognize that the emergency responders who arrive at your house are both skilled and educated professionals. These professionals come to you with the training, equipment, and capability to handle any emergency. Access to quality and timely emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury. Emergency responders are closely supported by dispatchers, law enforcement, emergency nurses, and emergency physicians.

Ventura City Fire Department is the only fire department in Ventura County that provides Advanced Life Support (Paramedics) on every apparatus. As the closest and fastest ALS resource available to the sick and injured in our City we can and do make a significant difference. Last year we responded to over 12,400 calls for service, the majority of which were medical related. While stretched thin, these incidents were

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## Ventura Job & Career Center

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sistance in completing a resume, cover and thank-you letters. Walk away with a portfolio that shows off professional skills and experience.

**Wednesday, June 19 – Winning Interviews, 9 – 12 noon**

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## Pierpont Inn's summer concert series and BBQ are back!

It's that time of year again, and starting Thursday nights on May 30, the beautiful Pierpont Inn will once again kick off their summer music and BBQ series. A fan favorite, the Pierpont Inn's summer barbecue is one of life's

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## Feed Bag



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## Totally Local VC Dinner Series kicks off this June

The Totally Local VC Dinner Series has been getting to the root of great taste since 2010. This year the anticipation rises a notch higher as Totally Local VC announces its third annual "Dinner At The..." series.

This innovative dining event marries iconic Ventura County locations with some of the area's topline chefs, preparing seasonal selections harvested from the region's most celebrated farms.

The events are priced to please at \$135.00 per person. The sum buys a five-course meal, paired with local wines, beers and entertainment, an offering that presents a unique community-building opportunity for all involved, from guests to organizers, sponsors, beneficiaries and purveyors.

A percentage of the proceeds from the dinners helps organizations like Future

Farmers of America and the Steve Toby Culinary Scholarship Fund for Ventura County high school students.

**Dinner in the... Garden** – June 27 at Grant Park is set in the foothills above Ventura's City Hall, with breathtaking 360 degree views. Featuring Chef Rachel Main of Main Course California, the Wines of Cantara Cellars and beer from Surf Brewery and to finish the evening Beacon Coffee.

**Dinner at the... the City** – July 18 celebrating the 100th Year's anniversary of Ventura's historic City Hall. Featuring Chef Tim Kyclone, the wines of Four Brix Cellars and beer from Surf Brewery and to finish the evening Beacon Coffee.

**Dinner at the... Ranch** – Oct. 10 is featuring Chef Jason Collis, Wines from Vino V and Old Creek Ranch and the beers of Surf Brewery. Location to be announced.

The concerts begin at 5pm and will feature local favorites playing on the lawn outside; kicking off (May 30) with Dirty Rice, and presenting Jeff Hershey and the Heartbeats, Country Nation and much more to be announced. The BBQ food items will be themed around the band's genre of music for added flare. Expect beverage and food specials like no other, with themes like Caribbean Reggae night. Everyone is welcome and there is no admission fee! The BBQ's will go until the end of August, so don't miss out on the place to be on Thursday nights. For more info and lineups call the Pierpont Inn at 643-6144. And don't forget, Austen's Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

### Grape Expectations

## Do you know your ABC's?

by Eric Garnier

Chardonnay is the largest selling wine in California. It is usually termed with words like oakey and buttery. Generally, the more of these two key adjectives, the more expensive the wine. To keep cost down, some wineries add wood chips in the aging process to help keep costs down, because a wood storage barrel can run between \$400-700 per barrel.

But, Chardonnays are not for everyone.

This is where your ABC's come into play. Anything But Chardonnay. There are many, many other white varietals out there that are lively, refreshing. These wines are a great accompaniment with many different kinds of foods.

I will list a few that are very popular and easily accessible here in Ventura and sometimes at some of the wineries on the Ventura Wine Trail.

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Pinot Gris, also known as Pinot Grigio  
Riesling, both sweet and dry  
Gewurtztraminer, both sweet and dry.  
Albariño  
Grenache Blanc  
Roussanne  
Marsanne  
Viognier

Many wineries locally blend some or all of the last four mentioned grapes. These Rhone Rangers, as they are called because these grape varietals all come from the Rhone Valley in France.

So, next time you are in the mood for a nice white wine on a hot sunny day or with your wonderful grilled halibut dinner, don't forget your ABC's! Anything But Chardonnay

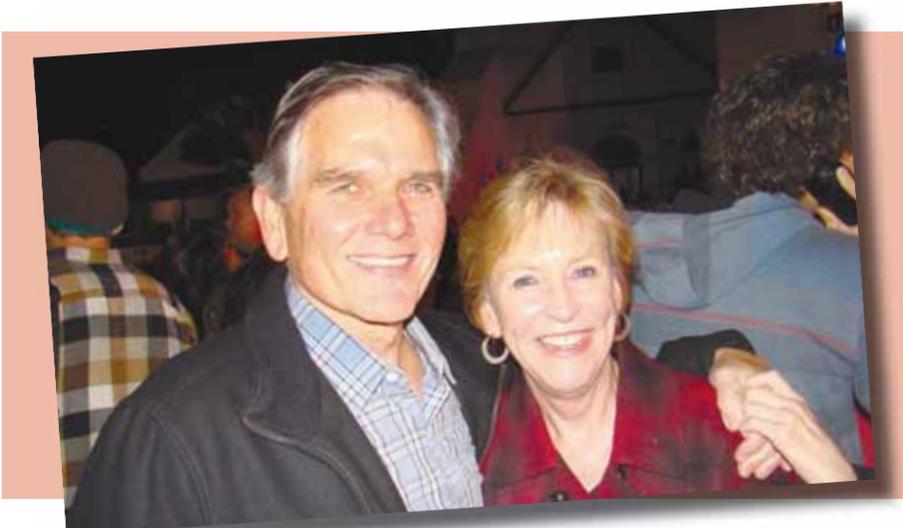
Mark your calendar for the 6th Annual Ventura Wine Trail Celebration, June 20th at the Collections Riverpark, Oxnard. Tickets and info at [venturacountywinetrail.com](http://venturacountywinetrail.com). More than 17 wineries and 12 restaurants will be represented. See you there....

Cheers,  
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# Senior Living

Pull Out Section



Ventura Mayor Mike Tracy and wife Linda might be seniors one day.

## Ventura Mayor proclaims National Older Americans Month

Seniors and representatives from the Ventura Council on Aging, the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging and City of Ventura Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Partnerships Senior Services were on hand to accept a proclamation from the Mayor at the May 6th City Council meeting to celebrate May as National Older Americans Month throughout the city.

The proclamation thanked individuals, representatives and organizations for working to ensure that our community's older residents have plenty of diverse, exciting, and sustainable activities and programs to serve their needs. Every year since 1963, May has been the month to appreciate and celebrate the vitality and aspirations of older adults and their contributions and achievements. It is a proud tradition that shows our nation's commitment to honor the value that elders continue to contribute to our communities.

This year's Older Americans Month theme—"Unleash the Power of Age!" emphasizes the important role of older

adults. This May, communities across the nation will recognize older Americans as productive, active, and influential members of society.

Older Americans Month acknowledges the value that older adults continue to bring to our communities by making an effort to applaud recent achievements of local elders and inviting them to share the activities they do to unleash the power of age.

"While we provide services, support, and resources to older adults year-round, Older Americans Month is a great opportunity to show special appreciation," said the Mayor. "We will continue to provide opportunities for elders to come together and share their experiences with one another, as well as with individuals of other generations."

For more on Older Americans Month visit <http://www.olderamericansmonth.acl.gov> or contact the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging office at 477-7300 to find ongoing opportunities to celebrate and support older Americans.

Correctional Facility is located at 3100 Wright Road in Camarillo. Please RSVP for gate clearance by May 20th with Program Manager, David Windhorst at 485-7951, Ext. 3717

For more information, please contact Camille Harris at 901-8188, or email [vcgrandparents@gmail.com](mailto:vcgrandparents@gmail.com).

## Help our incarcerated youths

The Foster Grandparent Program being developed for seniors and incarcerated youth at the Ventura Youth Correctional Facility is inviting interested seniors to the facility for an open house, luncheon and tour on Friday, May 31st from 11:30 am to 1 pm.

The program is seeking senior volunteers age 55 and up to share their experience and their caring with incarcerated youth ages 15 and up. Seniors will provide on-site mentoring, companionship and/or teacher assistance.

For low income seniors, making \$22,340, or less annually, the Foster Grandparent Program provides a tax-free stipend. The Ventura Youth

## Pancake Breakfast

Adults 50 years of age and over can enjoy an old fashioned pancake breakfast on Saturday, May 18. The event is sponsored by the Downtown Ventura Rotary Club as a fundraiser for the Ventura Senior Nutrition Program. Breakfast will be served from 9-10:30am at the Ventura Avenue Adult Center, 550 N. Ventura Avenue. \$2 per person. Please RSVP to 648-3035 by May 16.



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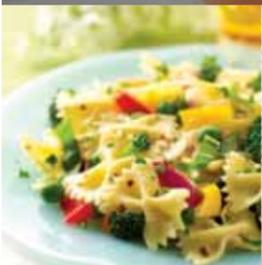
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## Senior Living



By morning's end, all the women looked truly glamorous.  
**Senior Cone-nection**

## Beauty in the making

by Nanci Cone

Several weeks ago, Griselda Arguelles of Lu Ross Beauty Academy and Suz Montgomery, teacher and all around terrific lady, approached Lucy Marin of Ventura County Convalescent Home on Loma Vista Avenue with the idea of offering a day of beauty that included hair styling, a makeover and a glamour portrait to 42 female residents of the facility.

Griselda was on hand with fellow student volunteers Cecy Jaime (who also did glamour photos), Larry Alvarado, Jessica Medina and Diana Ornelas, and said, "Recently we did hair and makeup for 150 special needs students to get them ready for their prom, a truly rewarding experience. Working with seniors in their 80s and 90s is every bit as special!"

Activity Director Lucy Marin who has been at the home for 10 years said, "I'm proud to say I was able to give the okay for it to happen. I love doing activities with the residents. This is the first time I've done this and I can't believe what a great experience it turned out to be!"

Suz Montgomery, an outspoken activist for seniors, noted, "Griselda and I were helping out at what's now known as Coastal View in 2008 when someone donated a lot of Mary Kay makeup to the facility. This sparked the idea of doing a makeover which turned out to be a roaring success. It's exciting to give back to all of those who sacrificed for us. They gave us what we have today without the politics. We were so happy to be able to make this a reality again!"

One of the women being pampered at this Saturday, May 4th "pre-Mothers' Day" event was Genevieve (Jenny) Austin, age 84. In 1948 while she was living in Burbank, she used to go into Hollywood and see the early television shows being taped. One of them was "Queen For a Day," the show hosted by Jack Bailey for many years. She told them she wanted to be on the show so she could win a wedding gown which would allow her to have a honeymoon. Although just 18 at the time, Jenny knew she wanted to marry Bud Austin whom she'd met while working at a department store restaurant. At the time, he was a health inspector who used to dine there and who had a bet with his best friend as to who would get a date with the lovely Genevieve first (he won, of course!).

"I convinced them to put me on as a contestant and I couldn't believe that I won," she said. "I got my wedding dress which my daughter wore on her wedding day. Additionally, I was treated to a day

of beauty much like today. I had my hair and makeup done and then sat for glamour shots. I was offered the opportunity to do a screen test but all I really wanted was to get married and have a family. Bud and I were fortunate to have 62 great years together and I never regretted my decision for a minute!"

By morning's end, all the women looked truly glamorous with styled hair, a subtle makeover and wearing their Sunday best. Jenny, proudly wearing the "Queen For a Day" pin they gave her said, "I sure hope they make this a yearly tradition!"

## Better understand signs of a stroke

May is National Stroke Awareness Month. Community Memorial Health System encourages the community to better understand the risk factors and symptoms of stroke, a leading cause of death and serious long-term disability in the United States.

"Time is crucial in the treatment of stroke, as on average, every 40 seconds someone in the United States has a stroke and roughly every four minutes someone dies from a stroke," said Stephanie Lara-Jenkins, RN, Stroke Coordinator at Community Memorial Hospital. "The earlier a stroke is recognized and the patient receives medical attention, the greater chance of recovery."

Strokes occur when a blood vessel carrying oxygen and vital nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or ruptures. When this occurs, part of the brain is deprived of blood and oxygen, destroying millions of valuable nerve cells within minutes.

"If you suspect a stroke, remember the word FAST – F-A-S-T," Lara-Jenkins said. "F is for face – is your face drooping? A is for arms – can you lift both arms? S is for speech – are you slurring your words and T is for time, call 9-1-1 immediately because with stroke, time is brain."

Stroke is a leading cause of death and serious, long-term disability in the U.S. According to the American Stroke Association, approximately 795,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke each year, and 87 percent of these are ischemic strokes.

Treatment may be available if you  
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## Senior Living



Tracey Shoop, Assisted Home Hospice Community Liaison; Deborah Bartlett, Assisted Home Hospice Branch Manager; Heather Donley, Foundation Program Manager; and Kim O'Brine Assisted Home Hospice. Community Liaison were later seen as runway models

### Assisted Home Hospice Foundation FA-TINI a success

The Assisted family of companies hosted its 3rd FA-TINI Party to benefit Assisted Home Hospice Foundation on April 25. FA-TINI stands for FASHion Show - MarTINI celebration. The sellout event was held at the Serra Center in Camarillo.

The festivities included a live fashion show hosted by local celebrity Denise Carter that featured 50 healthcare professionals modeling clothing. The evening also included a raffle, a forty basket silent auction and a live auction conducted by Gold Coast Broadcasting personality Pablo Ortiz.

100% of the proceeds from the

FA-TINI will be donated to local volunteer organizations within the Ventura and Santa Barbara County areas.

Assisted Home Hospice Foundation is a non-profit organization established to provide residents of Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties with educational, professional and financial assistance focused on end-of-life care.

A very special thanks goes to all of the local businesses, donors, and 140 volunteers who contributed their time, energy, and resources into making the FA-TINI a success.



Don Haskell, a former Ventura High School teacher, and Ethel Johnduff, a former kindergarten teacher, prepare to challenge high school teens with the help of Suz Montgomery. Photo by John Hankins.

### Knowledge Bowl 2013

Seniors will win this year's Knowledge Bowl, but which ones: the adult seniors ranging into their 80's or the high school teens aged around 18 years?

The whole community can find out and take part for free at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 29th at the Ventura TowneHouse, 4900 Telegraph Rd. (across the street from Ventura College).

The elders have led long lives and have experience, but the youth have mental quickness and facts fresh in their minds from their daily studies. The tally over 3 prior annual events had the kids besting their elders the first year, but the seniors narrowly won the last two years, so it could be all evened up if the teens win.

The event is casual and draws a mix of community members, school district ad-

ministrators and teachers, city officials and families of the students and seniors. Ventura Unified School District Superintendent Trudy Arriaga will start the challenge with opening remarks.

"The audience seems to have as much fun as the contestants," said Suz Montgomery who created the Knowledge Bowl in concert with Ventura High School's assistant principal Lorelle Dawes and teacher Linda Brug, who chose from the best and brightest from Ventura High School.

Montgomery chose her contestants from her many students in her Extended Learning Academy classes as part of the Ventura Unified School District's Adult Education division.

The contestants on the senior side are all retired: Don Haskell, a 36-year Ventura High School teacher; Ethel Johnduff, kindergarten teacher; Mary Ayres, who taught third grade and Rose Mary Park whose portfolio includes raising nine children. Haskell, Johnduff and Ayres are holdovers and, (warning to the teens), tough to beat.

The challengers this year are Ventura High senior class members Elias Adorno, who has been a contestant every year, and Kalen Kasraie. There are three in the 11th grade, Mac Gordon and Cole Phelps and Paige Colston, who also competed last year and asserted that her favorite contest is "the one with the seniors." One will act as an alternate.

There will be two rounds of questions covering history, geography, civics, current events and local knowledge in a Jeopardy-like format.

The free event will again be filmed by CAPS-TV and rebroadcast.

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## Senior Living

### Understand signs of a stroke

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get to the emergency room immediately upon recognition of stroke symptoms. Leading a healthy lifestyle, including lowering risk factors like high blood pressure and weight, can also help reduce your stroke risk.

SCAN Senior Resource Center has once again teamed up with Community Memorial Health Systems to offer StrokeAware, a free mini-stroke screening program that could save a life. Stroke is the third leading cause of death and the number one cause of adult disability in the nation.

StrokeAware screenings are offered as a prevention strategy to identify and educate those who are at risk. Participants have their blood pressure taken in both arms and are given EKG rhythm strip and carotid auscultation

tests as well as non-fasting cholesterol and glucose tests. They are also educated on the signs and symptoms of a stroke.

A stroke, or "brain attack," occurs when a blood clot blocks an artery or a blood vessel breaks, interrupting blood flow to an area of the brain. When either of these things happens, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs. When brain cells die during a stroke, abilities controlled by that area of the brain are lost. These abilities include speech, movement and memory.

The free screenings will be offered (to new StrokeAware participants only) on Tuesday, May 28, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the SCAN Senior Resource Center, 1001 Partridge Dr., Suite 200, in Ventura. Appointments are required. Call 658-0365.



Pam and William Speitel think that William, their 8-month-old grandson, is as cute as they get. And they say that he is also incredibly smart. Do you have a grandkid that you think is even cuter? If so send photo to [editor@venturabreeze.com](mailto:editor@venturabreeze.com).

## Sports

### Boogie Nights is back

Get ready to boogie, run and socialize! "Boogie Nights" is back for the third year in a row.

This 12-week series of themed and timed 5K races kicks off on Wednesday evening, May 22nd. The first 8 weeks will take participants on a pancake flat oceanfront course on the Ventura Promenade, while the final 4 weeks shifts gears and moves to the trails of Arroyo Verde Park.

All twelve events also have a free Kids' 1K run. The Kids 1K will start at 6:00pm while the 5K will start at 6:20pm.

Sign up for individual nights for only \$15 or at reduced rates for the entire 12-week series, the promenade series, or just the trail series! All series participants will receive a free event t-shirt.

In 2012, the "Boogie Nights" series raised \$7,500 for the Buena High School cross-country program.

Everyone is invited to stay for happy hour at Aloha Steakhouse and meet

fellow runners. For more information or to sign up, please visit [www.boogie nightsventura.com](http://www.boogie nightsventura.com)

### Ventura Tennis Club hosting Bi-Annual Event

The Ventura Tennis Club, in cooperation with the Ventura Parks and Recreation Department, is hosting a bi-annual Ventura Memorial Day Tennis Event on Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The event, which is free, will be held at the Camino Real Tennis Park.

The event will include clinics for adults and kids from 10 to 11:15, with Ventura College Coach Nelson Emery and his staff. After the clinics, there will be some announcements, a barbecue lunch at noon followed by organized doubles play.

The Ventura Tennis Club is a non-profit community-based club bringing tennis enthusiasts of all abilities together for social and competitive play. For more information go to [www.venturatennisclub.com](http://www.venturatennisclub.com).

## Youth



Buena High School students Joseph Robles and Qaydrick Salazar are just 2 of the City Corps gleaners.

## City Corps to the rescue

On April 26, dozens of local Ventura youth from all over the City took to backyards on a mission to “Glean over 1000 pounds” in a three-day period and then all of the fruit was taken to FOOD Share and donated to feed Ventura County’s hungry children and families. Since mid 2010, City Corps has gleaned and donated more than 30,000 pounds of fruit that would have otherwise fallen to the ground and rotted.

Ventura City Corps is focusing on the No Kid Hungry campaign to add fresh fruit to the 200+ pounds of fresh vegetables that they grow and harvest each month, then deliver to the Saticoy Food Pantry. 50-75 youth regularly lead and participate at the City Corps gardens and gleaning projects and most have become passionate about the great work the organization is accomplishing right here locally.

Now in its 25th year, Global Youth Service Day recognizes the positive impact that young people have on their communities 365 days a year. GYSD is celebrated in more than 100 countries with youth-led service projects.



Ventura’s 16-year-old Susannah Chilton receiving her award for helping others.

## Volunteer tutors honored

On Friday, April 26, School on Wheels’ volunteer tutors received President Obama presidential service awards for over 100 hours of service to homeless children in 2012, presented at the Aloha Steak House. They also received other awards and pins and Assembly member for district 37, Das Williams presented all the volunteer tutors for Ventura County with certificates. This coincided with national volunteer appreciation week.

The following Ventura volunteers all received the Bronze award for their service:

Kathy Neufeld, Damon Wing, Betty Burdick, Angela Lindahl and

Susannah Chilton.

Approximately 1.6 million children are homeless annually in the United States. School on Wheels’ volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring for homeless children k through 12 who live in shelters, motels, group foster homes, cars and on the streets.

Make a difference in the life of a homeless student and become a volunteer tutor today. With one hour a week, you can impact two lives. Yours and theirs.

## Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship

The Ventura Police Officers Association (VPOA) is accepting applications for the 10th annual Dee Dowell Memorial Scholarship. The scholarships will be presented in June 2013 to honor Sergeant Darlon “Dee” Dowell, who was shot and killed on August 7, 1978. Sergeant Dowell is the only officer in Ventura’s history to die in the line of duty.

In selecting scholarship recipients, the VPOA will consider academic achievement, school and community service, and financial needs. Applications must contain all required information and be returned no later than May 24. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Two types of scholarships will be awarded. The first is available to applicants who are not an immediate relative of a VPOA member, and who are a resident of Ventura or have graduated from a Ventura high school within the past three years. The second is available to civilian employees of the Ventura Police Department and children of current and former VPOA members.

Applicants must:

Be entering his/her freshman through senior year in college;

Plan a course of study related to the field of public service;

Have a grade point average of 2.0 or better (based on a 4.0 system);

Maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better if selected as a recipient;

Submit a resume of school and community activities, including a copy of transcripts through the most recent semester;

Submit a composition of 750 words or less, written in their own handwriting, expressing “My goals, present and future; why I am applying for this scholarship; and the scholarship’s importance to me.”

For additional information please contact Ofc. Trenner Marchetti at 339-4400x1176 or tmarchetti@venturapd.org. Applications are included with this release and are also available at the front desk of the Ventura Police Department. Additionally, applications will be available for download on the Department’s website at [www.venturapd.org](http://www.venturapd.org).

## Refuse collection delayed one day

In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the employees of E.J. Harrison & Sons will be taking the day off on Monday, May 27. As a result, Ventura residential customers will have their trash and recyclables or green waste collected one day later than usual during the week of May 27-June 2.

## Ventura events

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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. 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.). Call 654-3456 or go to [vchsa.org/foster](http://vchsa.org/foster) for more dates and an online meeting option.

**June 1: La Estrella Dance Club** will hold the next dance of its 100th year of ballroom dancing on Saturday, from 6:45p.m. to 10:15 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion. The theme is *Caribbean Calypso* and the usual formal attire has been relaxed to “dressy casual/aloha attire.” At intermission, there will be a live auction for two VIP tickets to the fall season of *Dancing with the Stars*. The cost is \$105 per guest couple, \$90 for member couples. Singles are allowed at this dance so that they may participate in the auction for a fee of \$60. This includes a champagne reception, buffet dinner with wine, coffee, dessert and dancing to the 12-piece **Moonlight Orchestra**. Reservations and payment are due by Saturday, May 25th. To view the invitation and information about the club visit <http://www.laestrelladanceclub.com/> or call 639-9249.

**June 2: Channel Islands Chamber Orchestra** performs as KuanFen Liu, Artistic Director, presents the music of John Biggs with Miriam Arichea, soloist; *The Moldau* by Friedrich Smetana; *Variations on a Theme of Shostakovich* by John Biggs, Miriam Arichea, Piano Soloist; *Vocalise* by Sergei Rachmaninoff; *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* by Sergei Rachmaninoff, Miriam Arichea, Piano Soloist. Event will be held at Ventura First United Methodist Church, 1338 E. Santa Clara St on Sunday at 4p.m. \$20 Donation appreciated, child care provided.

**June 2:** A March 23, 1951 broadcast of *The Life of Riley* and 1927-34 recordings of the *Memphis Jug Band* will be featured in the Dudley House historic recording series during the **Dudley House open house**. Admission to the house and the refurbished lavender garden with over 65 varieties of lavender is free and will be open from 1p.m. to 4p.m. The Dudley House is located at 197 N Ashwood. Anyone interested in working on the docent tours of the house, the lavender garden, or the lavender program, call Steve Cummings at 644-3286.

**June 3: The Ventura County Philatelic Society** presents stamp trading and schmoozing. Event is held at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road on Mondays June 3 and 17 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30p.m. Admission and parking are free. Contact: [vcpsforyou@lycos.com](mailto:vcpsforyou@lycos.com) or 320-1601.

## Ojai events

**Fresh Roasted Concerts** will present Juno winning guitarist and vocalist Robert Michaels on Saturday **May 25 @ 7:30 pm** in a wonderful concert under the oaks and beneath the stars in the Oak Grove Pavilion, 220 W. Lomita. Two years ago, Robert played this venue to a standing ovation. Michael’s live performances provide something for everyone: incredible guitar playing, audience participation, energy, culture, passion, fun and tremendous musicianship!

Tickets in advance are \$27 for

adults, \$25 for seniors and will be available at Ojai Coffee Roasting, online at [www.ptgo.org](http://www.ptgo.org) and by phone at 646-8907. Tickets at the door will be \$30.00.

**Ojai Photography Club** President Dean Zatkowsky will lead a **discussion of photographic composition** at the organization’s **May 21** meeting, 7pm, at Help of Ojai’s Little House, 111 Santa Ana St. Monthly presentations are part of the Ojai Photography Club’s community service outreach and visitors are welcome to attend.

Using the “Rule of Thirds” and “Golden Section” as points of departure, Zatkowsky will share simple concept illustrations from Welsh photographer Martin Turner, and then display club member photos that further illustrate the concepts.

The Ojai Photography Club, which is devoted to education, inspiration, and camaraderie, meets on the third Tuesday of each month, February – November. Only members may submit images for critique. For more information, please visit [www.ojaiphotoclub.com](http://www.ojaiphotoclub.com).

**Symphony of Life Spiritual Center** is auditioning local singers, musicians, and other talent for twelve openings in our first annual **Spring Dance** and Talent Show on Saturday, **May 18**, at the Ojai Valley Woman’s Club in Ojai. If you’ve got talent, consider sharing it with your community by auditioning for a three-minute slot.

Auditions will take place Friday, May 17th. Contact Tessie Goddard for time and location at 805-640-0652. Acts must provide their own accompaniment. There is a piano available for use. The dance will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will rock until 11:00. Tickets are \$15 at the door or online at [www.solsc.org](http://www.solsc.org). Wine and other refreshments will be available. The Ojai Valley Woman’s Club is at 441 E. Ojai Ave.

**Herb and Butterfly Walk on Horn Creek** with naturalists Lanny Kaufer and Michelle Dohrn on Sunday, May 19, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Learn identification and uses of native plants and how to create a butterfly garden. \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors 62 and older and full-time students. No dogs, please.

Register at [www.HerbWalks.com](http://www.HerbWalks.com) or at 646-6281.

**Photography Exhibit at the Ojai Center for the Arts.** An open theme juried exhibit exploring the potential of the small photographic print. This competition is open to any subject matter, theme, or photographic style. Images may be framed singly, in multiples or stitched together and can be any size, but frames must be at least 11 inches or greater in width.

Last year more than 50 works by nearly as many photographers were displayed at the Art Center. This year they expect that more artists will compete to have one or more of their works in the show. Cash awards will be given to winning photos.

Photographers are invited to submit their work on May 30 or May 31. Detailed submission information can be found on the Photography Branch page at the Art Center website at [www.ojaiartcenter.org/photography/](http://www.ojaiartcenter.org/photography/)

There will be a reception Sunday, June 2 from 1 to 3 pm. Refreshments will be served. The Art Center is located at 113 South Montgomery Street. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 12 to 4 pm. Admission is free.



## Professor Scamp, Ph.D (Pretty Happy Dog)



Savana

Hello Scamp readers:  
Well I finally have conquered "hunt and pawk" so I am writing my first article. You know that I am adorable but I thought that I would tell you a little more about

me because my roommate Scamp has written a little about me but I would like to tell you even more.

My official name is Savana of a Kitkat, I don't know why but it must have something to do with my parents. My father is Champion (don't know of what) Dreamz Willy Wunderbar of a Kitkat and my mother Champion Purking Rockin Blues of a Kitkat (aren't those silly names?). I am a Persian Himalayan and my color is torte. I will be 2 on June 9.

Scamp and I are getting along pretty good right now, but still not purrrfect. I understand that he had a hard time accepting me at the beginning because he was almost 10 and ruled the house and then I showed up. And I am so precious.

He has never barked (except as I will explain later) or been mean to me but at first when I attempted to snuggle up to him and rolled over and looked just adorable he would just get up and move a few feet over and if I snuggled again he would move over again. But now when I lay next to him in bed he doesn't move over. He doesn't give me a big hug but doesn't move away either so that is progress.

The only time that he barks at me is when I get on things that he can't because I am a great jumper. Like in the photo when I got on a 7 foot high TV cabinet by first jumping on a table and then on the fireplace mantle (aren't I smart?) and then on the TV, or when I get on the dining room table (I know that I am not supposed to).

I don't know if he is jealous because he wishes that he could do that or he is just letting our parents know that I shouldn't be up there.

I am jealous of him though when people come to visit (even family) and he greets them and wags his tail and shows his

love and has a great time and I hide under the bed or sofa. I hope that I learn to relax soon and enjoy having the company over because it looks like a lot of fun. Sometimes it takes us kitty cats a while to do that.

The main thing that I don't understand is why he is so spoiled. When he goes outside and poops and comes in he gets a treat. When I poop in my little box I get absolutely nothing, not even a "good kitty".

Also he gets to go outside in the backyard and I don't. But I make them feel guilty by sitting at the French door and staring at them when they are eating outside. They try not to look at me but I know that they can't help it and that they must feel guilty.

I guess that I understand because there are wild animals (Lions and tigers I think) in our neighborhood that might want to eat me.

Another thing that bothers me about Scamp is that he is such an animal, while I am a refined family member. At dinner time he just inhales his food while I just casually eat it in an orderly manner, sometimes not for several hours. I don't see how he can enjoy eating like that.

I hate getting brushed and having my ears cleaned. I know that eventually I will need to have a bath and really dread that.

And to show you how smart I am my father has a walk-in closet with bi-fold doors and I learned how to put my paw under them and open them up so I have my own private bedroom when I want to be alone and there are lots of nice things in it to sleep on.

But all in all I have a really nice life and loving parents and am lucky that Scamp let me write this. I hope to hear from you to know if you like my writing so maybe Scamp will let me do it again.

Savana



## Forever homes wanted



Hi: I'm Maggie BK, a very social and friendly female Alaskan malamute / Husky mix. I'm an older dog who is good with other dogs. I was adopted long ago into what I thought was my forever home, but it was not meant to be. They took me to Animal Reg. to be euthanized. Thankfully Animal Reg. scanned me for a microchip. My microchip went back to C.A.R.L. and a volunteer immediately came down to get me. I guess the adopters forgot C.A.R.L. always takes their dogs back no matter

what. I may be older, but I still have a lot of love to give. I'm hoping my special someone will see me for the wonderful dog that I am and take me home to be a cherished member of the family. The Canine Adoption & Rescue League, Sam's Place, 3203 E. Main Street, 644-7387. [www.carlvc.org](http://www.carlvc.org).

Hi: My name is Toto, yup just like the famous Toto from The Wizard of Oz... I was rescued by CABODOGZ just last month from the Ventura County Animal Shelter. I am a cairn terrier, about 1 year old. I love to play and romp with other dogs, big and small. I am also a cuddler when I am finished playing. I'm currently staying with a foster, and I'm learning how to be a good boy in the house. I have beautiful non-shedding hair that you can brush into different styles! I will amuse you with my antics. Stop by to see me and some of my friends too, at Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding for Dogs at 4692 Ventura Avenue, or 643-3647. Be A Hero...Bring Toto Home!!



## Scamp Club



Hi: I'm Reno Nevada Baker, a 2-year-old American Dingo (Carolina Dog). I was rescued from the Ventura river bottom by my companion Melody Joy Baker. I can pull her wheel chair and even tell when she is having a diabetic attack because I am a registered service dog and very smart. Aren't I lucky that I can be so much help and a great friend to Melody? Sometimes you might see me and her downtown.

## 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](mailto:Scampclub@venturabreeze.com). You will be in the Breeze and become world famous.

## CAPTURED ON CANVAS... THE RESCUE COLLECTION



Professor Scamp, the Ventura Breeze, Cheryl Ann Gooss and CABODOGZ present Captured on Canvas...The Rescue Collection... featuring the faces and stories of beautiful dogs unfortunate to find themselves homeless. This is sweet Freckles. He was rescued by CABODOGZ from the Ventura County Animal Shelter on his lucky day, March 26, 2013! Days later he developed pneumonia, requiring IV fluids, and that is why he had a bandage on. Well, someone nursed him back to health for 3 weeks, with antibiotics, chicken soup and lots of love! Today he is good as new and lovin' life on the other side of homeless with his new adopted family and friends! Freckles was very fortunate to be rescued.

Be part of the solution not the problem...spay and neuter your pets... adopt! You can visit the CABODOGZ' rescues awaiting their forever homes at Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding for Dogs, 4692 Ventura Ave. Stop by or call 643-3647 to give them a hug and fall in love with them.



Bella



Bebe and Lily

# 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

## Robbery

On Friday, May 3rd, at 11:30 p.m., a 50-year-old man was walking on Telephone Road, near the 1300 block of Saratoga, when three unknown white males in their 20's approached him. One of the men asked the victim to help him and then all three of the suspects began attacking the victim. The victim was knocked to the ground and was punched and kicked by the suspects. One of the suspects took the victim's money.

After the assault, the victim was aided by a witness who called the police. Police officers responded and contacted the victim and searched the area for the suspects. The victim sustained minor injuries and refused medical attention at the scene. The suspects are still outstanding.

## Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Friday, May 3rd, at 6:18 p.m., the VPD responded to the 3700 block of Harbor Boulevard to a report of an assault with a deadly weapon that occurred at a vagrant campsite.

Thomas Shuffield told the officers that he had attempted to contact a family member living in the vagrant camps when this family member brandished a shotgun at him and threatened to kill him. The suspect then stuck Shuffield in the face with the butt of the shotgun causing visible injuries.

Shuffield fled the campsite and ran to a nearby business to call police. He sustained minor injuries in the assault but refused any medical treatment at the scene.

The suspect's campsite was located but other vagrants told the officers that the suspect had already fled, still in possession of the shotgun. Officers canvassed the surrounding area as well as several other campsites but did not locate the suspect.

## Prowling Arrest

On Monday, May 6th, at 5:40 a.m., the VPD received a call from a concerned resident in the 300 Block of Appian Way stating that an unknown person had just gone into their neighbor's backyard. Prior to officers' arrival, the prowler walked out of the victim's backyard and got into an awaiting vehicle that was previously left running in front of the residence. The prowler then drove away in the vehicle.

Responding officers conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle as it was attempting to leave the area and contacted the driver, Steven Knight, who was the solo occupant. Knight did not have a reason for being in the area, and witnesses later identified him as the same person seen in the victim's backyard. Knight was booked at VC Jail. No one was injured during this incident.

## Stolen Vehicles

On Wednesday, May 8th, at 1:12 a.m., an officer was driving northbound on Portola Road, approaching the entrance of the Kohl's center. The officer observed a maroon Altima starting to exit the parking lot onto Portola Road with no headlights on. When the driver saw the officer, he

immediately stopped the vehicle and exited it. Once out of the vehicle he ran back into the parking lot. The officer watched as the subject ran to a white Altima that was stopped in the driveway directly behind the Altima. This vehicle was occupied by 3 other subjects.

The white Altima exited the parking lot. The officer, believing that the maroon Altima was stolen, made a traffic stop on the white Altima. The driver stopped in the middle of the street and as additional officers arrived. All of the occupants were called out of the vehicle.

The maroon Altima was a stolen vehicle out of Oxnard. It was later determined that the white Altima was an unreported stolen vehicle. The two juveniles were arrested and booked into VC Juvenile Hall. Eric Southwood was also arrested.

## Armed robbery

On May 11, at 1pm, an Hispanic male (20-30) entered the Circle K, located at 1007 E. Main Street. The suspect purchased items at the register and as the clerk was getting his change the suspect produced a handgun and demanded money.

The clerk complied with the demand and turned over an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect took the money and the merchandise and exited the store. He was last seen fleeing north on Laurel.

Ventura Police officers canvassed the area but were unable to locate the suspect. No one was injured during the commission of this crime.

# Business Tire Man coming to Ventura

In 1969 Bill Saylor founded a family business simply based on customer service. Today Tire Man is committed to providing the best products available in the marketplace for your needs, with the most knowledgeable experts to serve you. They remember where they came from so customer service is the foundation of their success.

Today with partners Bill Jr., Carey Lutz and Paul Saylor they have opened up their third store here in Ventura on Thompson right across the street from Plaza Park. So while you wait for your service you can enjoy your time relaxing in the park or strolling downtown for food and shopping. The Thompson building, built in 1930, is recognizable by the 30+ foot turret 10 feet from Thompson Boulevard.

The customer waiting room is at the base of the turret, and the partners are "very excited about how we are going to match the general theme of the building, with the improvements we make to the waiting room, bathrooms, etc.," says Paul Saylor. "We aren't your typical greasy tire/automotive shop.

"We build our 'living rooms', and bathrooms better than the ones in our homes. In our Thousand Oak's store, some customers stop in just to use our bathrooms".

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right, their Thousand Oaks location sold more Yokohama Tires than any other single location "in the world", in 2008, 2009, 2010.

Between the 3 partners they have over 60 years of tire and service experience. Bill and Carey are graduates of Brigham Young University and this store brings Bill right where he can enjoy his pastime of surfing.

Paul graduated much closer from UC Santa Barbara and loves coaching youth baseball and softball.

Tire Man services include Brakes Service and Upgrades, Chrome/Powdercoat original equipment and aftermarket wheels, Wheel Alignment, Front End Repair, Shocks & Struts, Suspension-Lower/Lift, Tire Balancing, Nitrogen Program, Tire Rotation, Tire Repair, Chains, Lease Return, Batteries and Belts.

# Chamber Workshop Series

Does the pace of change stress you out? Has your team or organization been reeling from too much change? How do you manage change for yourself and the people you lead? Come to our spring luncheon and learn strategies to be a change master on Thursday, May 16, from 10:30am - 1:30pm at The Pierpont Inn, 550 Sanjon Rd.

Managing change is the ultimate challenge for a leader and your business. Some people like change, most hate it and are overwhelmed by it. In this presentation you will learn: The three stages people go through with change; the brain neuroscience of change that can lead to pain or a reward; the five motivations of change to tap into for yourself and others; the "roulette wheel" targeted communication strategy; the 25 questions if answered poorly will lead to a failed change initiative.

Meet others, network and add some great tools to your leadership and business tool kit. This event is open to the public. \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members. To register, please call 643-7222.

# Even more to enjoy downtown

Downtown continues to grow as the cultural hub for Ventura with the openings of two businesses. Saloon BBQ Co. (456 E. Main St., formerly Franky's) had its soft opening on Sunday, May 5 and opened to the general public on Tuesday, May 7.

Labyrinth Winery, located next to Trufflehounds, at 607 E. Main St., opened on May 1 and offers tasting flights, wines by the glass, and bottles and wine merchandise for purchase.

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— Weekly SUDOKU —

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— King Crossword —

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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## Show Time

Where The Music Flows

### Vans Warped Tour coming

by Michael Kohli

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Currently listening to: True Love by P!nk

Hello there. Looks like the summer season is just upon us. Local bands plotting outdoor music shows and festivals. Stay tuned to your favorite local bands' Facebook pages for summer announcements.

On May 17, Bombay Bar & Grill are teaming up with local band favorites to raise money for another Scheideck Music Festival. Bands, such as, New Liberty, Kyle Hunt and King Gypsy, Rubberneck Lions, Honey Owl, and Shark And Cobras will take the stage at Bombay. All together for one night. Asking for only a \$5 donation.

Vans Warped Tour is plotting its next Ventura Fairgrounds invasion on June 23. Headlining acts include: Goldfinger, August Burns Red, Black Veil Brides, Reel Big Fish, Memphis May Fire, Motion City Soundtrack, The Black Dalhia Murder, Silverstein, Blessthefall, We Came As Romans, and more. Check out VansWarpedTour.com for more info.

In indoor concert news; 8STOPS7 is taking up Monday night Residency at Billy O's. I stopped by earlier this month. Aaron Orbit opened the show. 8Stops7 went through their hits, fan favs, and more! It was nice to see them still rocking it out. Stop by any Monday this month, about 10pm to get your live 8Stops7 fix!

Two on the Aisle

### All a'buzz In The Next Room

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Just when you think all the possible plots have been done, up pops *In the Next Room*, aptly subtitled *The Vibrator Play*. The 2010 Pulitzer and Tony Award finalist is currently making its Ventura County debut on the Santa Paula Theater Center main stage.

Handled with discretion and a slight blush, the comedy is set in the Victorian age. It is also the dawn of the age of electricity and a time women were often diagnosed with hysteria and other maladies, when it was clear they were simply sexually frustrated or pent-up.

The centerpiece of the play is a new medical device developed to calm women (and men) via electrical stimulation so that they might become more obedient and less depressed. The new device works so well that apparently some patients must be treated daily to gain full medical results.

The procedure is repeatedly performed with gusto by one Doctor Givings (played by Eric J. Stein), who takes his work quite seriously. He is assisted by his nurse of many years, Annie, played by Michelle Wagner. Annie is a consummate professional who actively participates in the treatment when asked. It's all for medical science, don't you know.

Noting that patients, especially the females, enter the exam room uptight, somber and depressed, but exit with flushed cheeks and a fervent desire to return soon, the doctor's lovely young

wife (Leslie Miranda) becomes determined to find out just what is going on in the next room. A satisfied patient (Tosca Minotto) aids in her discovery.

There are many humorous moments, but the premise does begin to wear thin by the end of the second act. The fairly abrupt conclusion is predictable, quickly resolving the growing tensions in the Givings' marriage, and all ends well.

Directed by James Castle Stevens, the ensemble cast is uniformly excellent and consistent in their portrayals. The players are well directed. They are frank, yet subtle, and handle the delicate subject matter with apparent ease. Supporting players include John McKinley, Shea Taylor and Brittney S. Wheeler. All add depth to the intertwining sub-plot lines.

Victorian costumes credited to Lori Lee Gordon are beautifully detailed. The split interior setting is well used, although we noted that center seats allow the best unobstructed view of both sides. There are many lovely set pieces showing a great deal of care was taken in putting this set together.

Due to the adult situations and content, this production is not recommended for young people or easily embarrassed adults.

*In the Next Room* continues Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. through May 26 at the Santa Paula Theater Center, 125 S. 7th Street in Santa Paula. Adults - \$18. Seniors and students - \$15. Tickets are available at (805) 525-4645 or www.santapaulatheatercenter.org.

The Entertainment Report

### Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura these are my picks for the week

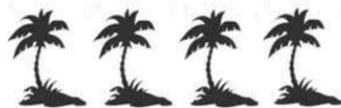


#### Disconnect

A rare film that directly responds to and expresses modern anxieties, this debut feature from director Henry Alex Rubin interweaves the stories of three sets of people whose lives are upended through various bad things that happen over the Internet – including bullying and identity theft. A fascinating and riveting thriller.

*Disconnect* is naturally gripping. Using unforgiving closeups, Rubin pokes into unexpected corners – not least the different ways in which men and women respond to calamity – and never forces his story's social-media scares to improbable heights. This movie was brilliant. The concept was imaginative and thoughtful and the acting wonderful.

A must see! I'd see it again.  
Rated R Running time 115 minutes



#### The Big Wedding

As the hoax spins out of control among family and friends, it leaves behind a poignant and funny tale about the ties that bind.

*The Big Wedding*, set in Greenwich, Connecticut, stars Robert De Niro and Diane Keaton as a long-divorced couple who are forced to pretend they are still happily married for a special guest at their son's wedding. As might be

## VFS @ 420 East 2013

### Last Call At The Oasis

Reviewed by Shana Epstein

General Manager, Ventura Water

*Last Call at the Oasis* (VFS Tuesday May 21 @ 7:15pm) is a powerful feature documentary by Oscar-winning filmmaker Jessica Yu, and inspired by the book *Ripple Effect* written by Alex Prud'Homme. This is not the typical doom and gloom story of water and how we are either running out of water or polluting it quickly. While the film includes those messages, what is worth learning is that Mark Twain's old adage "whiskey is for drinking and water is for fighting" is just a saying. So much so that one of the few organizations in

the Middle East not divided by religion or nationality is Friends of the Earth Middle East. This group understands that water knows no boundaries and they must all cherish it to find long term success. In addition, this film challenges our beliefs about the hydrological cycle and shows us that the hurdle is not technology, but our own hearts and minds.

Ventura Water general manager Shana Epstein will moderate a post-screening discussion on this thought-provoking movie.

Screening, Membership and Advance Ticket Information on our 2013 season, running through December 3rd at 420 E. Santa Clara Street is available at [www.venturafilmsociety.com](http://www.venturafilmsociety.com). Please contact us at (628-2299 / [info@venturafilmsociety.com](mailto:info@venturafilmsociety.com)) for further information.

expected as the whole family and their friends gather for the event, things get out of hand during this masquerade. This is an ensemble piece with names like Katherine Heigl, Topher Grace, Amanda Seyfried, Susan Sarandon, and Robin Williams. The film is charming, funny, playful, and a story that is an immediate family comedy hit.

Rather than simply play the role, they go overboard... which produces a hilarious result you will not want to miss. De Niro and Keaton deliver a masterful performance as the main characters, and the acting is superb all around with an all-star studded cast which includes a well assembled potpourri of different styles, including Heigl, Sarandon and Robin Williams. Hilarious and entertaining!

Rated R running time 89 minutes

### Music Calendar 5/15 to 5/28

For more events go to [Fun-in-Ventura.com](http://Fun-in-Ventura.com)

#### Amigos Cafe & Cantina

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

Live Bands and Musicians every Tue thru Sun

Wed 5/15 - Karen Eden (Petite Aussie with great vocals) 7pm

Thur 5/16 - VC Buzz presents Barrell House Wailers 7:30pm

Fri 5/17 - Orlando Napier (from NBC's "The Voice") 9pm

Sat 5/18 - Soul Machine 9pm

Sun 5/19 - Funkyard/Deep Pockets 5pm

Tue 5/21 - Catfish & Doug Blues Swing Band - Open Mic 8pm

Wed 5/22 - Janelle Sadler (L.A. Jazz Vocalist) 7pm

Thur 5/23 - Ventura Jazz Collective 7:30pm

Fri 5/24 - A Fine Mess (Rock) 9pm

Sat 5/25 - Mid Life Crisis 9pm

Sun 5/26 - The Roosters 5pm

Tue 5/28 - Catfish & Doug Blues Swing Band - Open Mic 8pm

#### Blackbeard's Seaside BBQ

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

Live Bands every Thur thru Sun

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 5/17 - A Fine Mess 7-11pm

Sat 5/18 - TBA 6-11pm

Sun 5/19 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Fri 5/24 - Brian Faith Band 7-11pm

Sat 5/25 - Loose Cannons 6-11pm

Sun 5/26 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

#### Bombay Bar & Grill

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

Local Live Music every Thur thru Sun

Wed 5/15 - Blue Jam Session Hosted by Tommy Marsh 8pm

Thur 5/16 - RAW Event - Local Ventura Artists

Fri 5/17 - Scheideck Fundraiser with KHKG 10pm

Sat 5/18 - Vonnets & Fish Fry 6pm, The Bomb 10pm

Sun 5/19 - Electroshock Sundays 5:30pm

Wed 5/22 - Blue Jam Session Hosted by Tommy Marsh 8pm

#### GiGi's Cocktail Lounge

2493 Grand Ave., 805-642-2411

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

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#### It's All Good Bar & Grill

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

Open Mike Night every Wed

#### Majestic Theater

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

Sat 5/18 - Fabolous Pusha T 8pm

Tue 5/21 - Prima 3D 8pm

Wed 5/22 - Arctic Monkeys 8pm - SOLD OUT

Fri 5/24 - Burlesque Jambo Tease 9pm, Rocky Horror Picture Show Midnight

Sat 5/25 - Moenia, Audio Vita 8pm

Sun 5/26 - Lamb of God, Decapitated, Terror 7:45pm

#### Panaro Brothers Winery

4517 Market St, #7, 805-654-1577

Fri 5/24 - The Davey Miller Jazz Fire Show 6pm

#### Sandbox Coffeehouse

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

Thur 5/16 - Open Mic Night Hosted by Jammin' Joe 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Sat 5/18 - Knowlydge 12pm - 2pm

Sun 5/19 - Sean Callero 12pm - 1pm

Thur 5/23 - Open Mic Night Hosted by Jammin' Joe 7:30pm - 9:30pm

Sat 5/25 - Roux 42 12-2pm

Sun 5/26 - Chapa 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

Thur 5/16 - 50 Sticks of Dynamite 9pm

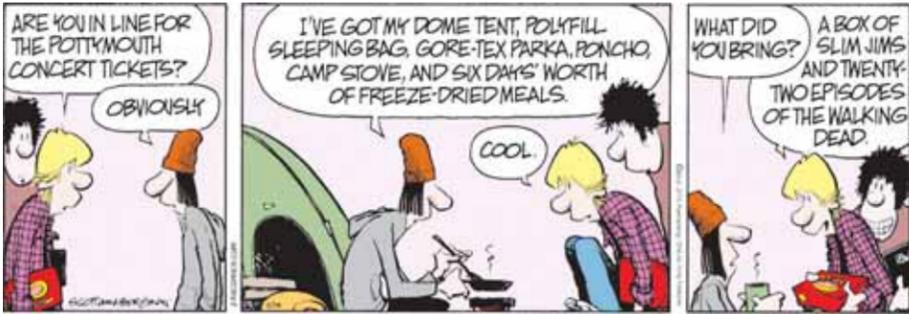
Fri 5/17 - Dr. M, Ventucky String Band 10pm

Sat 5/18 - Paul Chesne, Rich Sheldon 10pm

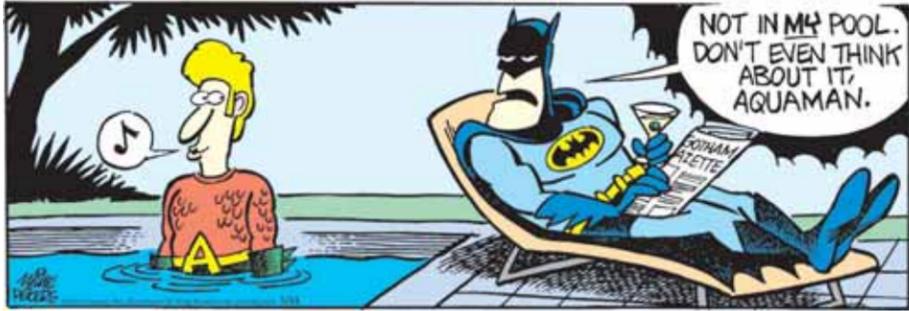
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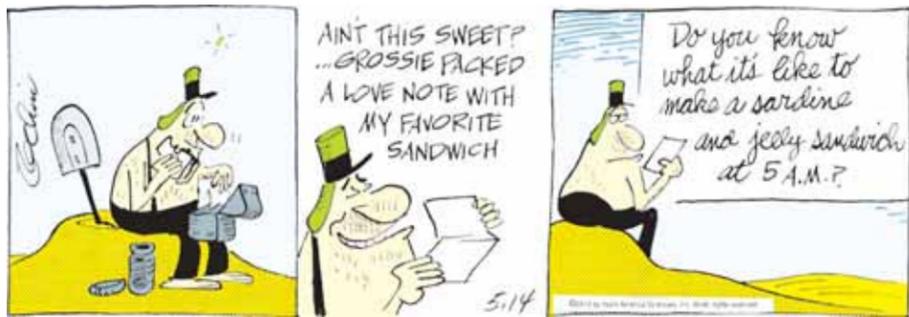
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Mother Goose and Grimm



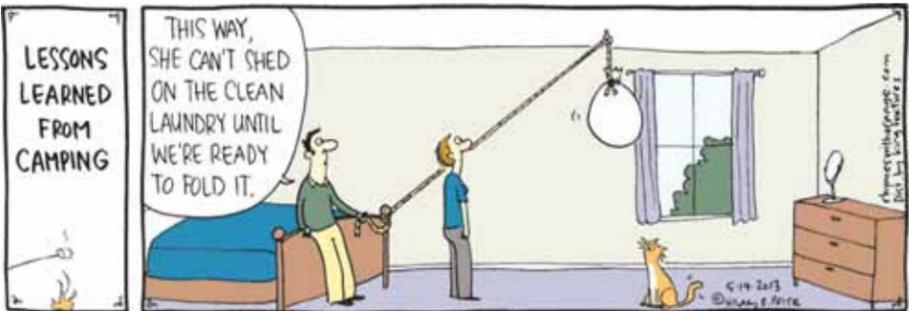
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Hi and Lois



Rhymes with Orange



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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25 Historic time  
26 Pooch  
28 Obliterate  
31 Body powder  
33 Pinch  
35 Sleeping  
36 Apportion  
38 Beak  
40 Floral neckwear  
41 Poet Pound  
43 Victoria's prince  
45 Game participant  
47 Automobile  
48 High-arc throw  
49 Worth noting  
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58 Hierarchy levels  
59 Two fives

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22 Caspian feeder  
23 Up for modification  
27 Card table call  
29 Prophet  
30 Redact  
32 Snug and warm  
34 NBC bird  
37 Quake  
39 Trumpet noises  
42 Sports venue  
44 Lingerie item  
45 Entreaty  
46 Lounge around  
50 60 sec.  
51 Sandwich, for short  
52 Shelter  
53 A billion years

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by midweek. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Tauran tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there waiting for you to find them.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity to avoid raising resentment

in the workplace.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

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# This 'n' That

## Camerata Pacifica director

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in 1990 with two important principles in mind. First, he wanted musicians who were committed, and second, he wanted players who brought passion to their music. "I only let people get close to the Camerata who have that passion," he said.

His programs demonstrate his broad range of musical interests. During a recent series of concerts in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Ventura, his selections included works by Crumb, Chopin, Schubert, Caplet, Debussy, Arnold, and many others. He's known for his willingness to experiment and to bring a playful sense of wit to his performances.

Spence believes in the power of classical music. He refers to it as "the truest most honest history we have of ourselves as a race." He believes that classical music serves as a portal that joins the intent of the composer with the performer who manifests it in their life and with an audience where the music resonates with their own experience.

While his group plays in many different cities, he especially enjoys coming to Ventura. "They are the most open-minded, the most verbal, and the most feisty," he said. "This is the audience that answers back."

Being feisty himself, Spence enjoys the repartee. It inspires him and his group to bring their A game. "If you want to challenge me, I welcome it because my musicians are representative of the best in the world and of some of the most beautiful people we encounter."

The Camerata Pacifica's next Ventura performance is Sunday, May 19, 3:00 p.m. at the Temple Beth Torah, 7620 Foothill Road, in east Ventura. They are scheduled to feature works by Arnold Bax, Antonin Dvořak, and Ian Wilson.

For ticket information, go to [www.cameratapacifica.org](http://www.cameratapacifica.org) or call their box office at (805) 884-8410 or (800) 557-BACH.

## Project Understanding

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Executive Director Jim Duran and lead in the flag salute by Board President Frank Magglio and an invocation by

Trinity Hall Lutheran Church pastor Dave Hall.

"Our sponsors and donors deserve a big 'Thank you' because they are the reason we are bringing more awareness to the community we serve," says Executive Director Jim Duran.

After a wonderful buffet breakfast Rob Orth, Salvation Army; Clyde Reynolds, Turning Point Foundation; and Fariborz Koozehkanani, Project Understanding; spoke about how wonderful it was that their diverse organizations could all work together in helping those in need.

Wonderful success stories were told by Cathleen, Pixie and Rose of how their lives were transformed by Project Understanding. And the impressive art of Andrew Rodriguez was on display and for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to Project Understanding.

Project Understanding's vision statement is "Through collaboration we envision transformed lives and community as we assist people to reach their highest attainable level of independence."

Their programs include a Tutoring Center, Food Pantry, SHORE, Transition House, Homeless 2 Home, Tender Life Maternity Home and Home to Stay.

For more information call 652-1326 or visit [www.projectunderstanding.org](http://www.projectunderstanding.org)

## Island Packers celebrates

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A 10-year National Park Service contract, awarded in 2011, required Island Packers to add a third catamaran to provide expanded service to the Channel Islands National Park.

Island Packers is the exclusive authorized boat concessionaire for the Channel Islands National Park and offers a variety of schedules to all five islands that make up the Channel Islands National Park.

Last year, 70,000 visitors enjoyed excursions with Island Packers, making the local, family-owned company an important contributor to the Ventura County tourism economy. Island Packers

expects to serve 80,000 customers this year and attributes its growth to the great customer service provided by Island Packers' 45 employees.

## Mailbox

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ads, (which are layed out quite nicely) but also on the Lighter Breeze page ~ the comics ~ looking fantastic, now in full color. But it's the addition of color photos, sprinkled throughout the paper which has made a terrific impact. In particular of course, is seeing Professor Scamp's little mug, now in lovely, living color! (...Sigh, how he melts my heart).

My kudos to you, your staff, and all other associates, and contributors. With thanks, Patti Thomas

*Patti:*

*I, and Scamp thank you. So that you are not too disappointed the additional color will not be in all issues but on occasion when Scamp can afford to pay for additional color.*

*Sheldon*

## Music Calendar

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Thur 5/23 - Ventucky String Band 10pm  
Fri 5/24 - The Red Muffs, The Barrellhouse Wailers 10pm  
Sat 5/25 - Crow Foot Band, Dub Thief 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 5/16 - Ventura Social Club  
Fri 5/17 - Sound Effect  
Sat 5/18 - Dr. M  
Sun 5/19 - Simple Creation  
Thur 5/23 - Ventura Social Club  
Fri 5/24 - INSTONE  
Sat 5/25 - The Bomb  
Sun 5/26 - ADD

## Yolies/Hi Hat Entertainment

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

Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri 8pm  
Fri 5/17 - The Dave Gleason Trio (Con-

temporary Honky Tonk)  
Fri 5/24 - Mitch Kashmar (Harmonica Blues)

## Zoey's Café

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

Live Musicians & Bands almost every night

Fri 5/17 - Tieg & Shelby, Tracy Newman, Zack Freidhoff, Blasting Concepts, The Panther & Superchamp 7:30pm

Sat 5/18 - Natalie Gelman CD release, Todd Hannigan

Sun 5/19 - Phil Salazar, The Kinfolk 7:30pm

Mon 5/20 - Mia Dyson on tour

Wed 5/22 - No///se, Stop Breathing, The Pullmen, Deepakalypse 7pm

Fri 5/24 - Orlando Napier Blues Trio 7:30pm

Sat 5/25 - Jay Nash, David Ramirez 7:30pm

Sun 5/26 - The Vaginars, Constant Fear, Stoic Violence, Death Crisis, Negative Degree 6pm

Tue 5/28 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm

## Kid's Art

(Send in yours to [editor@ventura-breeze.com](mailto:editor@ventura-breeze.com))



Cityscape by 8-year-old Sean Reed who attends the Ventura Charter School and likes to swim, play tennis, play the piano, hike, play with his dog and (being an artist) loved the Face of Ventura portrait Breeze series.

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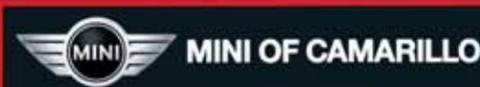
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# Art Scene



## View from Apple Orchard by Kay Zetlmaier

Works by JoAnne Duby and Kay Zetlmaier will be featured May 15-June 30 in the next exhibition in the Artist Collection series at Jewelry Couture by Sehati.

Both artists are longtime Ventura residents and art educators. Duby started as a ceramicist in her native Seattle and taught ceramics at Santa Barbara City College before turning in 1974 to sculpting stone. She joined Ventura's Art City collective in 1988 after a decade working in all sculpting media in a studio that enlarged sculptors' models to monumental size.

Zetlmaier is devoted to painting, mainly plein-air impressionist oils on canvas, since retiring after 30 years of teaching painting and sculpture at Ventura High School. Her canvases

reflect her love of nature and adventure and have won many awards as well. Some of her colorful landscapes and other subjects can be viewed at [www.kayzart.com](http://www.kayzart.com).

They will discuss their artwork during an Artist Collection Gala Event from 5-7 p.m. May 25 that will include hors d'oeuvres, music and a drawing benefiting Rubicon Theatre Company. One piece of art and one item of jewelry will be awarded. The nonprofit Ventura drama group also will receive 10 percent of art and jewelry sales during the reception.

Jewelry Couture by Sehati is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at 390 S. Mills Road. Visit [www.jewelrycouture.com](http://www.jewelrycouture.com).



Aside from being the film critic/columnist for the Ventura Breeze, Linde Clark-Carlson specializes in jewelry design, abstract art, paper bead art, and other art products. She is also a producer of creative arts expos through her company, Lotus Productions and Special Events.

Linde's passion is apparent in the personal attention she gives her patrons. "It's all about the kinetic energy in the application process," Linde says. She calls her imaginative, unique color combinations and fluid style, "Poetry in Paint." Part of the fun of owning a piece of Linde's art is discovering unexpected images as you turn the canvas. Always a conversation piece, her creations are an exercise in imaginary manifestations.

Linde's art can be found on her Facebook page photo album, which changes periodically to rotate the 80 pieces she has in her collection. Everything is one-of-a-kind. Visit Linde in her home studio to view the collection. Contact her at 485-3583.

# Art, a la Carte



Gardens Above and Below is the next solo exhibition at the Buenaventura Art Association's downtown Ventura gallery, featuring paintings by Carol Simson. The May 21-June 15 show will include 16 recent works. A Ventura artist and longtime National Watercolor Society member, she will attend an opening reception from 4-7 p.m. May 25. 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](http://www.buenaventuragallery.org).



Raymond Harris will be the featured ceramicist at the Ventura County Potters Guild Gallery during the month of May. A graduate of the Art Center College of Design, he has worked in the film industry since 1976 and contributed to 16 animated movies for Walt Disney Pictures, including The Little Mermaid. This is evident in his series of female figures, some of which resemble mermaids.

While Harris enjoys throwing on the potter's wheel, carving and sculpting, he works with a variety of mediums and feels blessed to have made a living doing what he loves.

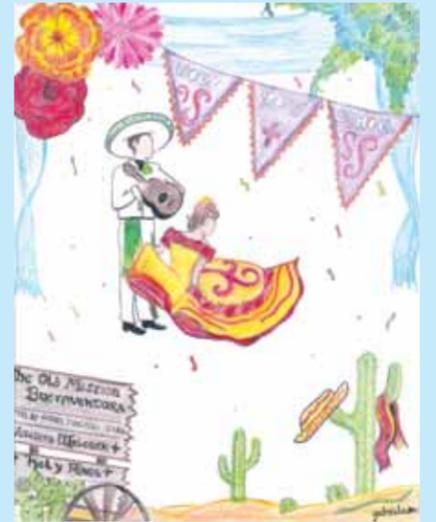
Gallery Hours 11 am – 6 pm daily at the Ventura Harbor.



Mary-Jo Murphy's passion for painting started as a child. Although Murphy chose a career in health care, art was always a part of her life and she attended the Academy of Art in San Francisco. Back for a second time, Red Brick Gallery and Fox

Fine Jewelry are having a joint art opening on May 18th, 6 - 9pm. Red Brick Gallery's show is called Enchanted.

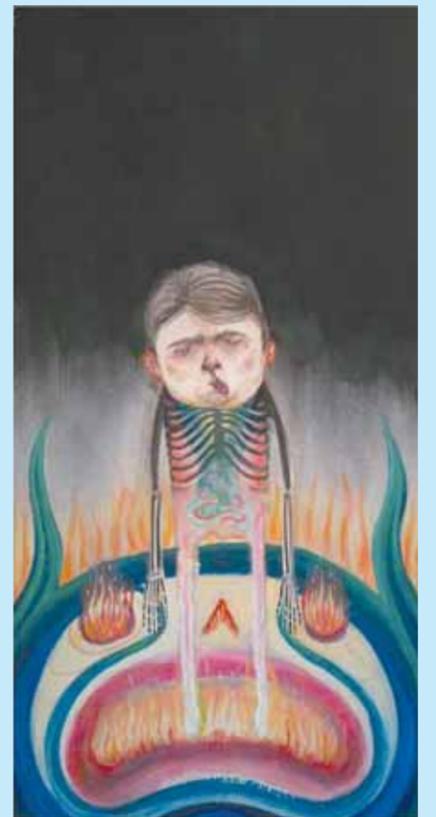
Susan Colla, Mary-Jo Murphy and Norm Reddick will display their art in the show Artists Untamed at Fox Fine Jewelry from May 16 through July 6. An artists' reception will be Saturday, May 18th, 6 – 9 pm.



Holy Cross Catholic School at the San Buenaventura Mission has announced the winner of its 2nd Annual Holy Cross Art Contest. Gabriela Molina, 7th grade student, was voted the winning artist and her artwork will be featured in several prized locations.

The art contest was open to students and parishioners. It was designed to feature upcoming artistic talent. The artwork will also be copied to a permanent commemorative 6x6 clay tile decorating the Holy Cross Welcome Wall.

"I am so proud of Gabriela and her work," said Principal Nicole Ladwig. "With the intense details, shading, skill, and her awareness of history, nostalgia, and tradition, we clearly have a true artist in our midst, and we're proud to showcase her work permanently."



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