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Ask a City Director

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Q. Now that the City of Ventura, along with several other property owners and local organizations, has removed the illegal encampments from the Ventura River bottom (and now the Santa Clara River), what is being done to deal with the illegal camps in other parts of the city?

It is true that the city's partnership with other landowners, local agencies and community stakeholders was successful in eliminating the permanent encampments in the Ventura River in 2012. However, much work still needs to be done to expand this success to other parts of the city where these encampments continue. It is also important that the entire community help reinforce the distinction between the status of a person's housing (homelessness) and vagrant-related behaviors (such as open-container, public intoxication and shopping cart theft) that are not tolerated in our community.

The 2013 Ventura County Homeless Count and Subpopulation Survey recorded 519 homeless individuals living in the city of Ventura. This number is encouraging because it represents a 24% decrease from 2012, when there were 701 homeless persons counted in Ventura.

On August 5th, the Ventura City Council accepted and endorsed the "recalibrated" Ten-Year Plan (2007-2017) to End Homelessness in Ventura County. One of the key points in the city's endorsement of the recalibrated plan is to understand there are various players in this issue and each has an important role in implementing a long-term and sustainable approach to ending homelessness in Ventura County. Working towards this goal are several projects and programs – some lead by county and city governments, some in partnership with service providers and some privately funded and implemented. Each effort can only be successful if done with robust collaboration across all stakeholders as part of an overall plan.

For the city's part, we will continue to work with local social service agencies

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What most concerned river residents was where they would go after their homes had been removed.

Voices from the River – Part II

by Tim Pompey

While there are social services available to help them, the Santa Clara river residents have discovered that it doesn't always work out as planned.

One Stop, for instance, funded in part by the County of Ventura, has been helpful in getting some of them the assistance they desperately need. "One Stop has been very good about getting us help to find services," said Chip Tewes. "But after that, it tends to fall apart. We get

handed off and the services stop."

As an example, his friend Ronnie Clark, who received extensive medications for her mental health issues, was recently dropped as a client. Linda Morgan's son, who began receiving similar treatments last year, suffered the same result.

Tewes finds this outcome puzzling. "Why would you want to take the homeless," he asks, "give them services,

and then just walk away?"

But what's most troubling to these residents is how members of their own city see and treat them. They complain of late-night police harassment, deliberate attempts by store merchants to keep them out, and disparaging comments thrown at them by local community members. As Morgan states, "I feel persecuted because I'm homeless. I feel like there's a really dark cloud following the homeless around this city."

Tewes talks about the cumulative effect of living under such conditions. "We grew up thinking cops were good," he said. "Now when you see a cop, you run because they're going to jack us just to get us out of their hair."

What most concerns these river residents is where they will go after the city enforces the eviction deadline (which went into effect August 18). For most, the river is the only secure home they have left and they're keenly aware that living alone on the streets only reinforces the stereotypes they already struggle with. "I'm by myself," said Anguiano. "I don't know who to go along with after the 18th."

Karen McCreary, one of the Ventura River residents who received a county voucher last year to stay in a local motel, lives at the Santa Clara River because the rent vouchers she received ran out

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These original murals feature stirring portraits of icons who have lost their lives because of drugs.

International Overdose Awareness Day celebrated

On Saturday, August 31 the third annual International Overdose Awareness Day was celebrated at the La Ventana Treatment Center in Ventura. Accomplished street artist Eleanor Ray ("Niz"), in collaboration with La Ventana Treatment Center, unveiled 3 murals named The Memory Lives On to honor cultural icons who have lost their lives too soon due to drug-related causes. Niz's artistic career began with educating at risk youth in California through murals, fliers and zines.

The celebration featured lunch,

tributes, testimonials from survivors and a dedication in memory of the members of the Ventura community who have died from overdose and addiction. The mural was unveiled by La Ventana CEO Steve Zzamarripa and Executive Director Heather Edney.

Heather Edney stated "At first glance the mural may evoke complicated feelings. I hope our mural will inspire people to think about what it means to die of a disease that is treatable, like any other disease."

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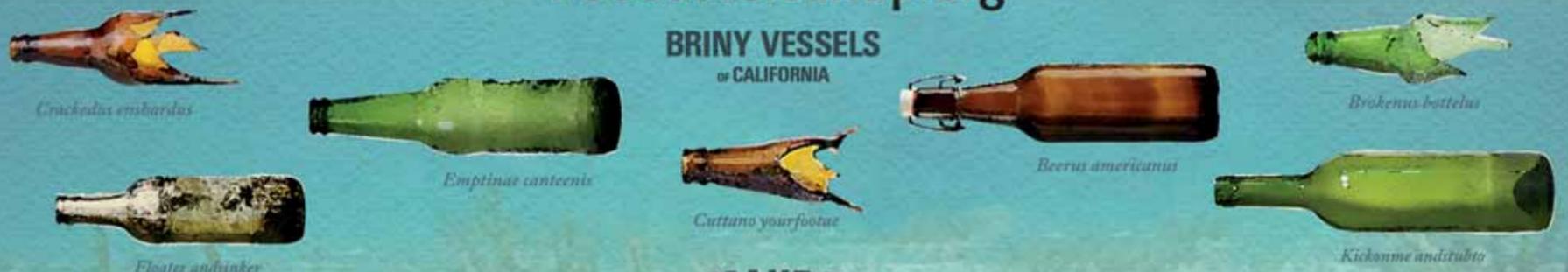
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The first 2013 City Council candidate debate was held with candidates Jim Monahan, David Swaffer, Paul Meehan, Erik Nasarenko, Lorrie Brown, Richard Francis, and Brian Lee Rencher attending.

Candidate debate kicks off election season

by Tim Pompey

It's that time of season. No pun intended, but every odd calendar year the Ventura City Council has elections. This year there are four open council seats and nine candidates (including three incumbents) running for office. Since Brian Brennan has decided not to run for reelection, it's guaranteed that there will be at least one new face next year on the City Council.

The first official candidate debate this year was held at the Bell Arts Factory on Thursday, August 15 and was sponsored by the Stonewall Democrats of Ventura County, the gay and lesbian branch of the Democratic Party.

If anything can be culled from this debate, it's that there are a lot of candidates and sooner or later some fireworks are going to break out between rivals.

Of course, having community activist Brian Lee Rencher in the race always makes for a lively discussion, but this year will also provide a showdown between current

incumbents Jim Monahan, Mike Tracy and Neal Andrews (Tracy and Andrews did not attend this debate) and former city council member and mayor Dick Francis.

Add to this a long list of new contenders, including: Lorrie Brown, an African-American candidate who works for the city of Oxnard, deputy district attorney Erik Nasarenko, programmer analyst and former park ranger Paul Meehan, and local restaurateur, artist and music promoter David Swaffer.

The debate lasted almost two hours and included a variety of questions ranging from the candidates' economic priorities to the development of a new library in east Ventura to issues surrounding fracking within Ventura's city limits.

In response to a question about ending homelessness in Ventura, Brian Rencher was straightforward in attacking what he viewed as a lack of compassion by the City Council as well as council cronyism. He emphasized that "being homeless is not a crime," and that "jobs should be the top priority to support the city's tax base."

Expressing frustration with the current political makeup of the City Council, Richard Francis described himself as a candidate who would provide "another progressive voice." Francis also stated that the city should be more supportive of affordable housing developed by such agencies as Cabrillo Economic Development. "The city has to make property available so that Cabrillo can come in and build affordable housing," he stated.

Calling herself the "progressive voice of a woman," Lorrie Brown supported the idea of what she termed "balanced communities." Speaking in support of more affordable housing, she felt that the city should help make it possible for people living here to stay here. "I would like to see the city help serve anyone who grew up in this community and who wants to stay in

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this community," she said.

Erik Nasarenko emphasized that his main focus on the council would be to help improve the city's infrastructure. In terms of the city's planning process, he felt that it was too long and involved too much red tape. Addressing the issue of water conservation, he believed that "the key issue is water reclamation," and that business water rates compared to residential water rates were inequitable.

Former park ranger Paul Meehan supported the idea of "infill development," and stated that one of his priorities as a council member would be to preserve "lots of green areas." Addressing the issue of fracking, his major concern was how it would affect local groundwater. Supporting city input into local fracking, he stated that "if someone drills within the city limits, the city should have a say in it."

David Swaffer addressed local concerns about Ventura's growing water shortage. Supporting water conservation, he felt that water issues "should be considered immediately." Swaffer also raised what he considered to be an important question. "Do we need to grow?" he asked. "If we don't have the water, we don't need to grow."

One of Jim Monahan's major concerns was to support the city's industrial base. "Every time you remove industrial property," he said, "you lose jobs." On the question of homelessness, he proposed the establishment of a "multipurpose facility where the homeless can go to have their needs taken care of."

Several short yes and no questions were given to candidates at the end of the debate. Yes (y) and No (n) answers included:

- The allowance of a medical marijuana dispensary: Meehan (y), Swaffer (y), Monahan (state issue), Rencher (y), Francis (y), Brown (y), Nasarenko (n)
- A woman's right to choose: Meehan (y), Swaffer (y), Monahan (state issue), Rencher (state issue), Francis (y), Brown (y), Nasarenko (y)
- A safe city initiative: Meehan (n), Swaffer (y), Monahan (y), Rencher (y), Francis (y), Brown (y), Nasarenko (y)

Community invited to meetings

Ventura Water customers and interested stakeholders are invited to attend a series of public meetings of the nine-member Ventura Rate Advisory Committee. The committee is tasked with contributing community input to an update of Ventura's Cost of Service study, the basis of water and wastewater rates. The meetings will offer community members the opportunity to evaluate future customer rates based on 10-year financial plans which include operational costs (water supplies, electricity and treatment) as well as capital replacement and improvement projects for Ventura's aging pipelines and facilities.

The first meeting will be Wednesday, September 11 from 6-8:30pm at the Ventura Sanjon Maintenance Yard – Assembly Room, 336 Sanjon Road. Future meetings are tentatively scheduled for October 23 and November 13 at the same time and location. Interested community members are encouraged to participate in

the public process at each meeting.

The committee, members of which volunteered for this limited-time service, will be assisted by Raftelis Financial Consultants, a leader in the utility rate industry. All Ventura residents, returning members of the 2011-12 committee include Diane de Mailly, Don Mills, John Mundy, Marty Melvin, and Robert McCord, and new members include Ted Cook, Ed McCombs, Suzanne McCombs and Douglas Hahn. For more information about the study and meetings, visit www.venturawater.net or call Ventura Water Customer Care at (667-6500).

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Last year we celebrated 10 years of Ventura Hillside Music Festivals. As VHC enters its 11th year, we are working on transitioning and expanding our goals for land conservation. This is an exciting opportunity and this effort is essential prepara-

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ A belated happy birthday (Sept. 3) to Helen Yunker, who just keeps going and going at 92.

■ Two Panda Bears have just been born in an American zoo

but still belong to China because their parents are on loan from China. But I thought our constitution says that kids born here are automatically US citizens. Very confusing.

■ The Ventura Unified School District is dealing with two situations, one pleasant and one not so pleasant.

The pleasant one is that the district will get \$6.5 million more than it was expecting from the state this year. The money came from changes in the way the state funds local schools. Even though it is only a 5% increase in the district's general fund (takes lots of money to run our school district) it will guarantee that the district will not need to make cuts or require teacher furloughs.

On the negative side, social media has changed the way on bullying in all school districts. Therefore, the VUSD is creating new policies for district affiliated websites and expanding bullying policies to include social media text messages and photos. Under the new guidelines staff members and students may not post content that show students in a negative way. Tough one to monitor and decide what is bad but social media has certainly changed our lives.

Not always in a good way when I see 4 people eating lunch together at a restaurant and they are all texting (sometimes even to each other).

■ Thousands of plastic bags handed out each day at stores may soon be gone in Ventura. The Ventura City Council recently voted unanimously to draft an ordinance banning such bags in Ventura.

I hope that this is really necessary and not the usual "knee jerk" reaction to some environmental issues.

Reader Murray Robertson told me "I actually don't like plastic bags littering the landscape...but hopefully the City is using good research to determine whether we need yet one more code on the books in Ventura. Note that if Ventura bans the bags it will have some impact but consider that Venturans shop in other places than Ventura and beachgoers from other cities will still bring these bags with them."

Stephen Joseph of the Save the Plastic Bag Coalition stated "Opponents of plastic bag bans point out that bags make up a small fraction of litter. You're talking about such a small amount to begin with that you wouldn't notice any change." The coalition members include plastic-bag manufacturers and retailers who, obviously have their own agenda.

Joseph said political leaders have exaggerated the problem. He disputes claims by Oakland-based Save the Bay that a million plastic bags enter San Francisco Bay each year. In 16 years of living in the city, Joseph said, he never saw one bag in the bay.

■ The Ventura City Council has given final approval to a settlement with Peter Goldenring concerning grading at Goldenring's property in February where he graded a wide access road into the hills above Mint Lane.

The City had contended that Goldenring failed to get a proper grading permit and then ignored City orders to stop the work. Goldenring claimed that City staff had given him verbal permission to cut the road.

The settlement calls for Goldenring (and his Iralax Corp.) to provide an erosion control plan that includes detailed soil stability information. The settlement also gave him a permit for the access road and withdraws stop work orders. The council ordered 6 -1 in favor of the settlement with Jim Monahan being the no vote.

Neighbors were not at all happy with the settlement.

■ Starting by January, there could be new City Council meeting regulations that eliminate texting and e-mailing from the dais and cutting the number of meetings per month to two from the current three, which is in keeping with most other cities in Ventura County.

Some council meetings now go until midnight so not sure how this will work out but we shall see.

■ Recently a 6-year-old shot and killed his grandmother which proves once again that "Guns don't kill people, people kill people",

■ As you probably know four-term Ventura City Councilman Brian Brennan has decided to not seek a 5th term. He is planning to focus his attention on the environmental issues that were his main concern during his time on the board. Even though he pulled candidacy papers shortly after the filing period opened he said that he later decided not to run.

By taking this action Brennan will lose his position as an elected official on the California Coastal Commission but could be considered for an at-large position.

This means that there will be at least one new member of the City Council.

■ A recent wave of kidnappings in Nuevo Laredo was prominently featured in a recent Sunday edition of El Manana, one of the largest and most long-standing Spanish-language newspapers on the border.

But the story carried no byline, and no residents were quoted or pictured.

Because of threats from Mexican cartels, the paper-published in the twin cities of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and Laredo, Texas operates very differently these days.

A dozen Mexican journalists disappeared from 2006 to 2012 and an additional 14 were killed, according to a report earlier this year.

At least if I say something stupid people just say, or write, bad things about me, but I don't think that my life is in danger.

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tion for our ultimate success. We are also embarking on active restoration and stewardship of newly donated land we have received and we are committed to continued progress in our current projects in both river and land preservation. The VHC Board is working to outline our goals, our work and our strategy for 2013 and beyond. We have a lot on the horizon. For this reason, we are postponing the Ventura Hillside Music Festival for this year and will keep you posted as our strategy develops and plans for the next big event unfolds. Thank you for ten great years! Ventura Hillside Conservancy



Getting there, slowly but surely. Photo by George Robertson.

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The thanks for the fix (for water being removed at McGrath) goes solely

to Supervisor John Zaragoza, who took the lead when everyone else had done absolutely zero. And I mean nobody on any board or panel had the slightest interest. He publicly stated he was going to do it and he did so. His stock went way up in my book.

Kioren Moss, MAI
Ventura



Editor:

For the last several weeks, I have been the recipient of trash being thrown in my backyard from residents of Motel 6 (on Harbor). On August 11, there was a knife in my yard; this week alone, I have had glass beer bottles, as well as a small

liquor bottle (with alcohol still inside) in my yard. I have contacted the police, Motel 6 Corporate, and Steve Bonnet (Ventura County Supervisor) for assistance. Motel 6 continues to demonstrate a complete lack of compassion for those of us who reside in this area. I have now begun to return the trash to the front desk staff; the knife was given over to the police department to ensure that it was not used in the commission of a crime. My grass is watered, my property looks nice and I work within the county of Ventura. Having said all this, I believe that it is in the best interest of all, that Motel 6 be compelled to cooperate as an active partner within this community. Despite the fact that they (Motel 6) have installed security cameras, and closed off the entrance on Monmouth, the situation has improved only slightly. This nuisance must stop! It is a safety hazard for those of us who live here, yes, live here. Personally, I do not care what the residents of Motel 6 do with their personal time and/or lives, however, when they become part of my backyard,

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Who has no faults? To err and yet be able to correct it is best of all.

– Yuan-Wu0



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The Ventura Comedy Festival is back

The Ventura Comedy Festival (VCF) is back, Sept. 23rd to the 29th!

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Erik Griffin, from Comedy Central's hit show "Workaholics", opens the festival Monday, September 23rd, 9pm at Ventura Harbor Comedy Club. Tommy Davidson, from "In Living Color", will also perform at the Comedy Club, 7pm, September 25th.

Adam Carolla is back after selling

out at last year's festival, September 24th, 7pm, at the intimate Ventura Harbor Comedy Club, taping The Adam Carolla Show, which holds the Guinness Book of World Records for "most downloaded podcast" at eight million downloads a month.

Jay Mohr closes VCF'13 at the Crowne Plaza, Sunday, September 29th at 7pm. Jay Mohr played Bob Sugar in *Jerry McGuire*, wrote for Saturday Night Live, and now hosts Mohr Sports on Fox Sports Radio.

With the purchase of a VIP ticket, guests have the opportunity to meet, greet, and take photos with Mohr before his gut wrenchingly hilarious performance.

In addition, there are a huge variety of themed shows to satisfy every interest including Sirens of Comedy, Hot Latinos, Black Friday, Kosher Comedy, and Rainbow Comedy with headliners Jason Stuart & Jennie McNulty. Bob Golub is performing his critically acclaimed one man show *Dodo*.

Over 70 of the brightest comedians in the country will compete in the Ventura Fest Contest in front of celebrity judges. Preliminary rounds happen the entire month in anticipation of the weeklong festival and finals, where one winner is declared.

Pass options this year are the \$140 All Access Pass, which admits one person to every show and event in the festival, the \$80 Harbor Pass, admits one to all of the fabulous fun in the Ventura Harbor, and individual show prices are listed on their website.

Three years ago, Producer Randy Lubas, and Coordinator Randi Caldwell, set out to put the beautiful city of Ventura on the international comedy map, and each year the festival has grown, spawning some of the hottest talent in the industry!

Community Events

Tickets and more information are available on their website, www.ventura-comedyfestival.com.

Spread the word, spread the laughter, start the healing at The 2013 Ventura Comedy Festival.

Tortilla Flats: Last Exit

The Ventura County Museum, as part of its Centennial celebrations of local exhibitions, will feature a special exhibit entitled, "Tortilla Flats: Last Exit."

The exhibit showcases the research and archives used in the making of The Tortilla Flats Mural by artists MB Hanrahan and Moses Mora who also serve as the show's curators.

A sneak preview for Tortilla Flats ex-residents, friends, relatives and supporters is scheduled for 4:30pm, Friday, Sept. 13. The \$25 admission includes a reception, a Mexican style buffet dinner, a viewing of the exhibit and live music, dancing and socializing.

Please make checks payable to Tortilla Flats and send to Tortilla Flats, P.O. Box 6064, Ventura, CA 93006.

The Ventura County Museum is located at 100 East Main St. The exhibit will run from Sept. 14 through Nov. 23. For more information call 509-7309.

Preparing for Affordable Healthcare

On Thursday, September 12th, from 11:30am - 1:30pm, the Ventura Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a business/community workshop to provide an overview of what the Affordable Healthcare Act really means, how it will impact you, your business and local providers; and what you need to know before the initial implementation in 2014.

Everyone is going to be impacted, join them for this very timely presentation which will include an overview of the Affordable Healthcare Act by Paul Newman, Corporate Director, SGB-NIA Insurance Brokers

Speakers will include:

Wilfred Garand, Vice President Planning and Managed Care Community Memorial Health Systems.

Lisa Patterson, Regional Sales Manager, Kaiser Permanente.

Douglas Bordner, of Counsel, Myers, Wider, Gibson, Jones & Feingold, LLP.

James Nicoll, owner, Nicoll Financial & Insurance Services.

Project Understanding's Shining Stars Gala Event!

Since 1977, Project Understanding has been providing hope by developing and directing resources for the purpose of transforming lives and community through justice, mercy and compassion. Project Understanding subscribes to the "Hand up" philosophy verses the "Hand out" model. But in order to teach a person to fish instead of just giving him or her a fish, takes a team of people. And this team of people needs to be dedicated

and committed.

On September 26th, at 6pm at The Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd., Project Understanding will host an event entitled "Project's Shining Stars." This gathering is a volunteer appreciation event and Project Understanding will be recognizing and honoring those volunteers who went above and beyond the call of duty serving our community.

"Quite frankly, this organization would not survive without the support of our volunteers. We have an amazing Board of Directors with Frank Maggio as President. They continue to pursue ways to direct this organization in order to fulfill our mission. We have an amazing team of volunteers that work daily in our food pantry, intake & referral, H2H, SHORE, Tender Life Maternity, Oxnard Transition House and at our 11 Tutoring sites. The strength of this organization depends on those people with hearts to serve and I feel they should be recognized for their unselfish efforts," says Jim Duran, Executive Director of Project Understanding.

Project Understanding's "Shining Stars Event" will begin with entertainment and an appetizer buffet. The room will be filled with elected officials, City Manager Mark Watkins, and many other dignitaries honoring the volunteers. Those being recognized are: Aera Energy for "Business of the Year," Orchard Community Church for "Place of Worship of the Year," and many other individuals that have dedicated time and energy over this past year. The Employee of the Year, Board of Director of the Year, The Shining Star of the Year and The Shalom Award will all be announced the night of the event, making it a surprise for the recipient.

This event is sponsored by the Ventura County Credit Union and is the talk of the town. To RSVP for this free event, call Kathy Donofrio at 652-1326 by Sept. 19th. The attire is semi-formal or business casual. For more information regarding Project Understanding, visit their website at www.projectunderstanding.org.

Walk for balance and dizziness

Each year millions of Americans experience chronic dizziness and imbalance issues caused by one of many vestibular disorders. In addition, vestibular disorders often produce disabling symptoms including vertigo, hearing, vision problems, and difficulty concentrating. These symptoms can deeply inhibit a person's ability to perform basic day-to-day tasks, compounded by their invisibility to others, making it difficult to understand that a person with vestibular dysfunction is profoundly struggling to remain oriented and functional.

Equilibrium Balance Performance Center, Physical Therapy has been providing specialized excellence in care for patients with vertigo, dizziness, balance impairments and post-concussive syndrome since 2007.

On Sunday Sept. 15th at 2pm at the Ventura Aquatic Park, 901 South Kimball Rd. they will have a 2K fun walk / run to raise awareness of this disease. Registration begins at 1:30pm.

They ask you to please consider a contribution to support Balance Awareness week. All proceeds go to VEDA. 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization. Vestibular Disorders Association <http://vestibular.org>.

Community Events

Foster Library continues classes and events

9/2 Library closed for Labor Day

9/5 Basic Training 11-11:45 – Doug's five step method for navigating the internet: In this class you will learn how to log onto the internet as well as the five necessary functions for doing a successful internet search. Level: Beginner

9/5 Open Mic Night 7:30-9 -

Featured Reader Lisa Coffman

9/7 Eat Local Hug a Farmer 5-6 –

Come hear our local farmers, chefs and founder of the local Locavore movement Kristofer Young DC discuss our local food source, eating local, CSA's and shopping the farmers market.

9/8 Sounds of Second Sunday with Cowboy Surfer 2-4

9/9 Excel Basics 11-11:45 - Learn how to create and format a spreadsheet. This class is for beginners and will not cover advanced formatting techniques. Computer classes at Foster Library. Level: Beginner.

9/12 Open Mic Night 7:30-9 -

Featured Reader: Shelba Cole Robison

9/14 The Human Prehistory of the Channel Islands and Coastal California: A 10,000 Year Retrospective 5 to 6:30 p.m. – Anthropology Professors Jennifer Perry and Colleen Delaney.

Learn why this region is so unique and the importance of the islands to people today.

9/15 Fiction Writing Essentials 5-7 – Doug Taylor will discuss mapping the novel from attention grabbing beginnings to a surprise ending, while building it with the use of dialogue, descriptive and action narrative and subplots.

9/16 Searching the Catalog 11-11:45 - Search for books, use advanced searching and place a request by logging in to your account. You will be amazed at what our catalog can do!



The Jill Martini Soiree will entertain you at the Conservation Celebration.

Conservation Celebration

The Ventura Hillside Conservancy will host a Conservation Celebration, Saturday, September 14th from 5-9pm at the Historic Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Dr. The Conservancy is celebrating ten years of open space preservation. They will be reviewing their past accomplishments and giving supporters a preview of what's to come in the next ten years. The event will feature local food, wine and beer.

Live entertainment will be provided by the Jill Martini Soiree, an ensemble specializing in acoustic-based cocktail

swing and gypsy jazz.

The event will also feature a live and silent auction to raise funds for the Conservancy's programs. Items ranging from locally crafted products to weekend vacation packages and free professional services will be offered.

"I am looking forward to the Conservation Celebration because the continuing work of the Hillside Conservancy is vital to the future of our beautiful, healthy community," said Christy Weir, Ventura City Council. Fellow City Council Member Cheryl Heitmann shares her enthusiasm for their work. "I am attending the Conservation Celebration because I support the Conservancy's efforts to protect our open spaces for our future generations, for our children and grandchildren. The Conservancy's commitment to preserve our open spaces and help to restore the Ventura River for all to enjoy is a true gift to our community."

Tickets for the event are \$50 until September 14 and can be purchased online at www.venturahillside.org or by calling 643-8044.

The Ventura Hillside Conservancy is a land trust operating in the Ventura region to protect and conserve open space resources through acquisition of land and easements, stewardship of protected lands, and public education about local natural resources.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Would you like to meet new friends? Do you need more than tweeting or blogging to express what's on your mind? Whatever the reason, **Ventura's Conversation Group** is the right outlet for you. This eclectic group meets Wednesdays from 4p.m. to 6p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara Street.

Sept. 12: Assistance League of Ventura County is offering an informational tour for prospective members on Thursday, at 9:30 a.m. The tour will begin at the chapter house at 913 E Santa Clara. The tour will include a visit to the Assistance League School, Operation School Bell facilities, the Bargain Box thrift store and the Assistance League Girls Club. Lunch will follow the tour at the chapter house.

This is an opportunity to join an organization whose members are dedicated to providing *A Brighter Tomorrow for Today's Children*. For more information call 643-2458.

Sept. 13: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution September luncheon meeting will feature the special program *The Huguenots* presented by Mr. Wayne J. Rogers, Huguenot Society of California. The luncheon event will take place Friday at 11:30 a.m., in the Garden Room, Marie Callender's Restaurant, 1295 S. Victoria Ave. All SAR & DAR Compatriots, friends, and visitors are welcome to join us. The self-pay luncheon cost is \$20 per person, and includes a slice of Marie Callender's pie. For additional information, please call Bill Bays 650-3036 or Robert Taylor 216-7992. For information regarding SAR membership and chapter activities, please visit the chapter website at <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

Sept. 13: Ventura Danzar, located at 2640 E. Main Street, will host internationally recognized, Zumba Star, Gina Grant for a 90 minute Super Class, on Friday from 7p.m. to 8:30p.m. The class fee, space permitting, is \$30 paid by August 23, 2013. Reservations are being sold at Ventura Danzar and online at VenturaZumba.com.

Sept. 14: First annual, Key to The

Highway Blues Benefit Concert, will take place at The Tavern, 211 E. Santa Clara St. on Saturday from 7p.m. to 10p.m. The benefit concert is dedicated to raising awareness and understanding about the disease of drug and alcohol addiction and recovery through education. Opening the show will be local and SoCal favorites, Tommy Marsh and BadDog. This year's proceeds will benefit Khepera House, a local 501 (c) (3) non-profit drug rehab and recovery program. Tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/368700 or The Tavern at \$20 in advance and \$25 day of show.

Sept. 14: iPads and phones, Android tables and phones will be Wes Boatman's topic at the **Ventura Beginners PC Group** Saturday, at 11a.m. in the third floor lounge of the Cypress Place Active Senior Living building, 1220 Cypress Place. There will be a workshop at 9:15a.m., followed by Q&A for all beginner and intermediate computer users. For further information, call 648-1368.

Sept. 15: Brigadier General Martyn Robert (1837-1923) will be making a special appearance at the **California Zeta Chi Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians** at 7pm on Monday in the Topping Room of the E. P. Foster Library at 651 E. Main Street. General Robert will share why he began to write a manual first called a *Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies*, later called *Robert's Rules of Order*. Come, hear his story and ask questions of the expert. The National Association of Parliamentarians was organized in 1930 to teach the general public the principles and practice of democratic decision-making. Come and study together with the experts. For more information call Sandra Sanders at 643-5928.

Sept. 15: Boomers, Friends and Fun Lovers, The Open Door Coffee House, First

United Methodist Church, 1338 E. Santa Clara Street is hosting a 60 the New 30 Birthday Party, from 5p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be plenty of cake; they're baking a big one. The regular fare of espresso coffee drinks; hot teas and hot chocolate prepared by trained baristas will be on hand. Show at 6 p.m. *A Little Magic and Some Music* by David Steinhart. Turning or already turned 60 this year? Having or had a birthday in 2013? For more information call 643-8621.

Sept. 21: The Bookkeeper Association of Ventura County is presenting a **Quickbooks Seminar** on Saturday, at The Elks Lodge, 2126 Knoll Drive in Ventura, from 9am to 3pm. The price for the seminar is \$65 for non-members, \$50 for members and \$75 at the door. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. This program will cover Quickbooks Payroll, Tips and Tricks and Inventory in three segments. Handouts will be provided. Please visit www.bavc-online.org for further details or call Donna Gordon, 218-1425.

Ojai events

On **Sept. 7 & 8** the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Much Ado About Nothing*, Josh Whedon's delightful modern adaptation of Shakespeare's romantic comedy.

On **Sept. 14 & 15**, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Mud*, the adventure story of two boys who become entangled in the wild schemes of a disheveled man they find living on an island in the Mississippi River. Ojai Playhouse, 4:30 pm, 145 E. Ojai Ave.

The Ojai City Council has voted to waive the building permit fee for solar energy systems for one year until August

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Dance, dine & delight all summer for just a song!

Great concerts at Ventura's most historic party site!

Lisa Haley & the Zydekats



September 7 Zydeco
Presented by Andria's Seafood Restaurant

This Grammy®-nominated fiddler and her five-piece Cajun band—our series' most popular act every year—return to infect us with their volcanic "swamp-roots rock" from the bayous of Louisiana full of joyful "get up and dance" Mardi Gras rhythms.

Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Drive, Ventura Reserve tickets \$20 and tables \$10 at 805-658-4726 Concerts 7:30 to 9:30 pm

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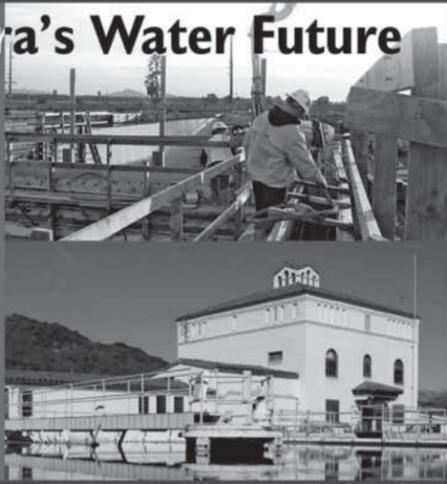
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Protecting Ventura's Water Future



Attend Rate Advisory Committee Meetings

The Ventura Water Rate Advisory Committee seeks community input to update Ventura Water's 2012 Cost of Service Study and the 10-year financial plans for the water and wastewater utilities.

The study is the basis for Ventura's water and wastewater rates and provides a sustainable framework for updating Ventura's aging infrastructure systems.

Residents are encouraged to attend these public meetings and be a part of Ventura's water future.

When:
6 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 11

Wednesday, Oct. 23

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Location:

City of Ventura
Sanjon Maintenance Yard
Assembly Room
336 Sanjon Road, Ventura



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Ojai events

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14, 2014. The waiver was requested by **Solarize Ojai Valley**, a joint program of the **Ojai Valley Green Coalition** and the Community Environmental Council. Through this program the two organizations hope to help and encourage homeowners to convert their homes to affordable solar power. Two workshops have already been conducted, and a third is scheduled on Tuesday, **September 17** from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Ojai Valley Grange Hall. Information about the Solarize Ojai Valley program is available at SolarizeOjai.org or by calling 963-0583 x105.

City Manager Rob Clark said: "The City Council wants to encourage its residents to look seriously at solar panels, and felt that this was a great way to do that."

Plans for **Ojai Day 2013** are gearing up, and you can be part of making it happen!

The City is assembling its Ojai Day team and there are a variety of ways to get involved. You can be a part of the pre-event preparations, or you can delve into the fast-paced world of event production at the October 19 event.

Please join an **informational meeting** at City Hall on **September 9** at 6:30 pm to learn more about becoming an Ojai Day team member. For more information, please contact Ojai Day Coordinator Amber Young at 646-5581 ext. 304 or coordinator@ojaiday.com

Symphony of Life Spiritual Center will offer a **Morning Meditation Retreat** at Meditation Mount, on Saturday, **September 7**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Led by Rev. Karen S. Wylie and Spiritual Practitioner Randee Vasilakos, the retreat is open to people of all faiths. "This is an opportunity to

take a morning to nurture yourself," Rev. Karen says.

The event is offered by love donation (\$10 is suggested). For more information, contact Rev. Karen at (310) 968-8928. Meditation Mount is at 10340 Reeves Road.

Villanova Preparatory School senior Eugenie Shuere, daughter of Peter and Lisa Shuere of Ventura, earned a top composite score of 36 on a recent ACT test. Nationally on average, less than one-tenth of one percent of students who take the ACT earn the top score. The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading and science and is a gauge of how well the student will do in college classes. "Eugenie distinguishes herself each day in the classroom and as a member of the Villanova community," said Headmaster Carol Hoffer. Villanova Prep is a Catholic college preparatory school with an enrollment of 260 day and resident students from 12 countries and across the United States.

Libbey Bowl will rock to the joyous sounds of the greatest backup singers in Rock 'n Roll history as the **Ojai Film Society** celebrates its 25th Anniversary with a gala and exclusive screening of the hit new film, *20 Feet from Stardom*. Morgan Neville, the film's director, will be on hand for a Q&A after the screening. It all starts at **5 pm** with DJ music, dancing and a hearty dinner. Tickets are available at Film Society screenings, Sundays across from the Ojai Farmers Market, and at BrownPaperTickets.com (enter Ojai Film Society in the search window). For more information call 646-8946 or visit www.ojaifilmsociety.org.

A Streetcar Named Desire is certainly one of America's most celebrated plays, written by Tennessee Williams depicting strong characters who inevitably collide. See it in all its raw power at **Ojai ACT**

Community Events

from **Sept. 6 to 29**, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$18 general and \$15 for students, seniors and Art Center members. Call the box office for reservations at 640-8797 or log on to www.OjaiACT.org.

The **Ojai Youth Entertainers Studio** is producing the Roald Dahl classic tale, *James & The Giant Peach* on the OYES main stage at 316 E. Matilija St. The story centers around a young, English orphan who enters a gigantic, magical peach. The show will be presented with an inter-generational cast and original music by Mike Saidman.

James & The Giant Peach will open Friday, **Sept. 6** and continue through Sunday, Sept. 15. Show times are 7:00pm on Friday and Saturday evenings with matinees each Sunday at 2:30pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors and are available on-line at www.brownpaper tickets.com or by phone at 1-800-838-3006.

The **Ojai Concert Series** continues its summer series at **Dancing Oak Ranch** with an afternoon of exciting Canadian Québécois music on Sunday, **Sept. 15**, by the Yves Lambert Trio playing some delightful Quebec folk music. Dancing Oak Ranch is located on HWY 150 just above Lake Casitas, halfway between Ojai and Carpinteria. Gates open at 3pm and the music kicks off at 4pm. These shows always include a potluck, so bring a dish to share and have a picnic with friends, family and the band. Tickets are \$20 in advance, or at the gate, and kids under 15 years are free.

For directions to Dancing Oak Ranch or advanced tickets through PayPal, go to: www.ojaiconcertseries.com.

Daniela Alraiti will be reading extracts in Spanish of her first novel, *Invierno en La Habana*, written in Ojai in 2012, an Amazon bestseller! Saturday **Sept. 7**, 2-3 P.M. Ojai Library. A limited amount of books will be available for purchase. Daniela was born in Patagonia, Argentina, she is a passionate traveler but considers herself a citizen of the world. She has been flirting with art all her life, through literature, photography and cinematography. After all of her travels she finally found Ojai, where she felt immediately at home.

Mailbox

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I have to respond accordingly. This is completely unreasonable, and Motel 6 must be held accountable for their lack of action.

Best,
Victoria Fye

Editor,

As I write this letter on August 18th, I can look out my window and see the "June Gloom" still hanging overhead, dispelling all sunlight until, and if, the winds pick up and blow it all away.

In the 34 years I have been living on the Central Coast, I have never seen the gloom stay so late in the year. At this point, I wonder if it will ever be the same again. Thanks to Global Warming, I doubt that it ever will.

The gloom's proper name is "marine layer" and it occurs when a temperature inversion occurs. An inversion originates due to the cooling effect of the water on the surface layer of an otherwise warm air mass. I am no scientist, but I do study the effects of Global Warming on the Earth. You do not need to be a scientist, though, to figure out the reason for our endless gloom since it is as easy as putting two and two together.

It is a fact that the polar ice caps and the world's glaciers are melting at alarming speed, this melting ice

naturally cools the oceans as well as raise their levels. This cooling water mixed with the fact the Earth is positively getting hotter creates the marine layer as described above. The more the ice melts and the Earth heats up, the longer the gloom will last.

The sooner each and every one of us starts working to correct the disaster we have created the better. We can all help by driving less, recycling, and supporting politicians who know that Global Warming is real and is a manmade disaster.

For all the Global Warming Deniers that are still left in the world, there is plenty of data available for free that will show you how wrong you are you just have to take the time to educate yourself.

Regards,
John Darling
Ventura

Breeze:

I've been following the water issues in Ojai and the same concerns are true for healthcare.

- 1) Everyone needs water; ditto for healthcare.
- 2) The primary goal of a for profit water company is to maximize revenue for the shareholders. For healthcare insurance companies, (even if "not-for-profit"), 20% of the revenues is spent on overhead including exorbitant salaries and perks for the CEO's which are often in the tens or even hundreds of millions dollars each year. Healthcare premiums should primarily be used to provide actual healthcare?

Medicare spends 5% of its' revenue on overhead, the rest is spent on actual healthcare.

- 3) The solution is for everyone to pay into Medicare (as into Social Security) from day one of employment Medicare for all!

Judith A. Beay
Ventura

Letter to Editor...

I want to say how wonderful and informative 'Have Lunch with A Celebrity' article that you wrote in Breeze dated August 21st to September 3rd was.

I would like to expand more on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) so that the readers will be able to understand more in depth.

The overview of ADA in general:

President G. W. Bush signed ADA into law on July 26, 1990. The ADA was modeled after the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The law guarantees equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in public and private sector services and employment. It means that it provides civil rights protection to persons with disabilities. It is a comprehensive anti-discrimination law and extends to all sectors of society, it consists of 5 titles which are as follows:

Title I: Employment
Title II: Public Sector Services
Title III: Private Sector Services
Title IV: Telecommunications
Title V: Miscellaneous Provisions

ADA actually opens up all the avenues for everyone including deaf and hard of hearing to have full access to everything that is required by the law.

If you would like to know more details of ADA, contact Tri-County GLAD through email info@tcglad.org.

Sincerely yours,
Juliana Fjeld
Regional Director
Tri-County GLAD



News and Notes



Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation has three new board members: Debbie Golden, Robert Cheatham and Donald Gloisten.

CMHF appoints new board members and plans fundraiser

Debbie Golden has been a member of the Ventura Unified School District's Board of Education since 1998 and also is active in several other community organizations, including the Ventura Education Partnership, the Ventura County Anti-Defamation League and the Rubicon Theater Education Outreach Committee. Golden earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in Anthropology from UC Santa Barbara. Her husband, Dr. Thomas Golden, a Ventura orthopedic surgeon, is Chief of Staff at Community Memorial Hospital.

Bob Cheatham is a financial planner and financial services representative for MetLife. He earned his bachelor's degree in Government from Claremont McKenna College and his master's degree in Public Policy from the University of Southern California. He formerly worked at the Pentagon, where his duties included writing speeches for then-Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney. Cheatham works with several nonprofits, including the Salvation Army, and he is a longtime supporter of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at CMH. In 2008 he was named Rotarian of the Year for Ventura.

Donald Gloisten is Chief Executive Officer for GBS Financial and works in downtown Ventura. He earned his bachelor's degree in Finance from St. Francis College in Brooklyn, and while working at the New York Stock Exchange, he attended night classes at the Seton Hall University of Law. After graduating and passing the bar exam, Gloisten was

hired as House Counsel for the Dreyfus Fund. Gloisten taught night classes in investments at UCLA for 30 years and has served as treasurer of the Northridge Hospital Foundation. He is a board member of the Ventura Music Festival and the Pierpont Community Council.

Also CMHF is holding its 41st Benefactors' Ball on Saturday, Sept. 28, with proceeds benefitting the new Community Memorial Hospital.

Festivities begin with wine tasting at 4:30 p.m. at the Limoneira Ranch, 1141 Cummings Road in Santa Paula. Dinner, with food stations created by Plated Events, is set for 6 p.m., with dancing and music performed by blues and rock band Kal David and the Real Deal starting at 7 p.m. Attire is cocktail casual.

The event represents an opportunity for residents to support community-based healthcare. Every year, hospital and community leaders from all over Ventura County gather for a night of dining, live music and dancing.

Tickets can be bought individually or by table of eight. Sponsorship package opportunities are also available. For ticket or sponsorship information, visit www.benefactorsball.org, or call the Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation at 667-2881.

This year, the Benefactors' Ball will hold an Opportunity Raffle. Tickets are \$100. The person with the winning ticket will receive airfare and a Viking River cruise for two to Bordeaux, France valued at over \$7,000.

Ventura County cities told their own unique stories. Simi Valley winners were showcased in the Youth Expo and the Floriculture Department, and Santa Paula residents shone in the Gem & Minerals Department. Ojai residents won prizes in the Olive Oil contest, and Port Hueneme exhibitors crafted beautiful quilts. Camarillo entries won big with herbs and produce, and folks from Fillmore took home grand prizes for their livestock. Venturans constructed prize-winning gardens, and Oxnard exhibitors received awards for their needlework. Moorpark residents won prizes for their clothing and textiles, and Thousand Oaks gardeners earned awards for their vegetables. Friends and families joined these winning exhibitors to see the exhibits and congratulate the winners.

Breeze photographer John Ferritto stated "I totally enjoy the pig races. They are so cute and adorable. It is such fun to watch them run and find out who will be the winner of the race. I think it is great to take pictures of the race with the young kids in the stands showing their excitement and rooting for their favorite. Following the race I always have my second favorite thing

at the Fair, a pork sausage sandwich with peppers."

Fair attendance numbers were strong, with 329,061 people attending, which is a 7.41% increase from 2012. The Ventura County Fair credits the numerous Special Admission Days, like Dollar Day, Youth Day and Senior Day for the attendance successes. These Special Admission Days help make the Fair affordable to all.

Photography workshops in local state parks

Jansen Photo Expeditions has announced it will be launching a new series of photography workshops in the local state parks in Santa Barbara County and western Ventura County.

The classes are designed to accommodate photographers of many ages and skill levels. Topics covered will include composition, camera settings and how to utilize them, wildlife and birding photography techniques, and more. Beginning photographers will find a wealth of information to help them learn to capture better images; advanced photographers will have the benefit of discovering the right locations at the right time, and exploring the parks with like-minded, creative individuals.

Classes will be led by Mark Jansen and Holly Higbee-Jansen. Since 2005, this husband and wife team has been leading photographic expeditions in the field. Participants in these classes can feel good about supporting educational programs and projects in the State Parks through their participation. A portion of each class

fee will be donated back to Friends of Channel Coast State Parks (FCCSP).

FCCSP's executive director, Melissa Baffa, a photographer herself, explained the impetus for the program: "When I was first hired in 2012, a photography program in the parks was one of the first ideas I pitched to the board of directors. We have such stunning scenery and wildlife in our parks; it seems like a very natural way for us to help people connect with nature on a deeper level, through creating their very own unique and meaningful art."

Classes will follow either a one-day or two-day format, and are currently scheduled for McGrath State Beach, Carpinteria State Beach, and El Capitan State Beach throughout the fall.

For a full schedule and more information about the program and links that will allow for online registration, go to www.jansenphotoexpeditions.com.

Farm fresh, every Saturday

Coastal Pacific Certified Farmers' Markets has a new weekly farmers' market. The Johnson East Ventura Certified Farmers' Market is in the North Bank Plaza parking lot next to the old Century Theatres 16 located at the intersection of Johnson Drive and North Bank Road from 1:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. every Saturday afternoon.

The market will feature organic and fresh local produce and fruit, fresh baked goods and plants, as well as live musician entertainment with seating for customers to "come and stay a while." Coastal Pacific Farmers' Markets can be reached by calling 643-6458 or e-mail pacific209@hotmail.com.

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News and Notes



The redesigned Westpark Community Center Garden is just the beginning.

Community Garden

Recently family, friends and community members attended the "garden party" for the recently redesigned Westpark

Community Center Garden at 450 W. Harrison Avenue.

Westpark staff and participants thanked the volunteers of RESTORE and Westpark Community Gardeners for completing this five-week makeover project to the garden with new borders, tool shed, veggie bins, fruit trees, composting area, benches, signage and mulch.

Westpark Community Center has been active during the last 3 years remodeling the entire facility, including most inside program rooms as well as outside sidewalks, fencing and lighting.

Each month, Westpark serves more than 650 youth by providing a variety of safe, educational and affordable programs and services that develop self-esteem, leadership, character development, sportsmanship, health and physical fitness.



Michael Beeler, Alex Uvari, Michele Dunham, Joe Cahill, Stephanie Edwards (of Rose Parade fame), Holly White, Jeff Cowan (Goldmine Recording Studios), Tracy Long, Doug Halter and Diane Beeler were all at the Goldmine Recording Studios as Stephanie Edwards recorded a voice audio for a free downloadable app for smart phones and ipads that will enable story trail tours, as well as descriptions of the views of Ventura from the Ventura Botanical Gardens demonstration trail.

The app is location aware such that visitors are presented with educational information specific to their location and the surrounding educational opportunities.

Senior Living

Pull Out Section



Guests at a previous Cypress Place Senior Living Classic Car Show & '50s Party" enjoyed music and dancing, classic cars, and sumptuous food.

Car Show and Party at Cypress Place

Enjoy a blast from the past at the Cypress Place Senior Living Classic Car Show & 50's party on Wednesday Sept. 18th from 5:30p.m to 7:30p.m. There will be plenty of good old-fashioned fun, so put on your poodle skirt and roll up those jeans and join the fun and festivities.

"This is an annual event for us and it's always a blast," said Mike Macke, one of the marketing directors at Cypress Place Senior Living. "The classic cars are always amazing, and the food and music are outstanding."

Come to the Cypress "Diner" and enjoy a frosty root beer float, burger and fries. Be-bop to the Oldies with the #1 DJ in Ventura County Bruce Barrios. Barrios will emcee this fun-filled event. Prizes will be awarded for "Best Dressed", and a trophy will be awarded for the "Best Car." Don't forget your dancing shoes and be sure to join in on the dance contest and hula hoop contest.

"Come meet our residents and other local community members while enjoying great food and live entertainment," said Steve Spira, executive director of Cypress Place.

The event is free and open to the public. So dress to impress in your best '50s outfit, and get ready to shake, rattle and roll.

Cypress Place Senior Living is a premiere senior community in Ventura

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Senior discounts

by Nanci Cone

Most places nowadays offer discounts to seniors. You must request the discount - it will not be given to you automatically. And don't forget your Auto Club (AAA) and AARP cards - they offer great discounts on dental and eye care services as well. Here is a partial list to help keep more money in your wallet!

Restaurants:

- Applebee's:** 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
- Arby's:** 10% off (55+)
- Ben & Jerry's:** 10% off (60+)
- Boston Market:** 10% off (65+)
- Burger King:** 10% off (60+)
- Chick-Fil-A:** 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
- Chili's:** 10% off (55+)
- Denny's:** 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55+)
- Dunkin' Donuts:** 10% off or free coffee (55+)
- Golden Corral:** 10% off (60+)
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- Krispy Kreme:** 10% off (50+)
- Long John Silver's:** various discounts at locations (55+)
- McDonald's:** discounts on coffee everyday (55+)
- Mrs. Fields:** 10% off at participating locations (60+)
- Sonic:** 10% off or free beverage (60+)
- Subway:** 10% off (60+)
- Taco Bell:** 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
- TCBY:** 10% off (55+)
- Wendy's:** 10% off (55+)

Retail and apparel:

- Banana Republic:** 30% off (50+)
- Big Lots:** 30% off
- Bon-Ton Department Stores:** 15% off on senior discount days (55+)
- Dress Barn:** 20% off (55+)
- Goodwill:** 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
- Hallmark:** 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)

- Kmart:** 40% off (Wednesdays only) (50+)
- Kohl's:** 15% off (60+)
- Modell's Sporting Goods:** 30% off
- Rite Aid:** 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
- Ross Stores:** 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
- The Salvation Army Thrift Stores:** up to 50% off (55+)

Travel:

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Enjoying the 80th birthday of Harold Kennedy at the Greek At The Harbor were fellow tennis players from the Pierpont Racquet Club. On the left are Gordon Smith, Richard Lee, Harry Finney and Buzz Murray and on the right a guy with a beard, the birthday boy, Dick Baldwin and John Tepaske.

Senior Living

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A Sukkot luncheon

The Ventura Townehouse and the Chabad Jewish Center of Ventura are partnering to host lunch and music for local seniors during the High Holiday Season. Sukkot Luncheon – Sunday, Sep 22, 11:30 am – 1pm at the Chabad Jewish Center, 5040 Telegraph Rd.

An Israeli style lunch will be served in the sukkah, with shwarmah, falafel, humus and pita. The program will include; the lulav and etrog ceremony, Israeli themed singing, holiday message, a presentation by the Hebrew school children and arts & crafts project to decorate the sukkah.

Services and luncheons are open to all Jewish seniors in the community. There is no charge for seniors to attend. To RSVP please call 658-7441.

The Chabad Jewish Center of Ventura will also celebrate the festival of sukkot by hosting festival dinners on the first three nights of Sukkot following services. See page 19 for further information.

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On Saturday, Aug. 24 the Golden Future 50+ Senior Expo (“An Event For Baby Boomers & Seniors”) was held at the Ventura Fairgrounds. The event was

presented by Golden Futures based in Burbank. They put on senior expos in several other cities. It featured 70 local and national vendor booths, free beauty makeovers and haircuts, bingo fun, financial advice, entertainment and health screenings among other senior activities.

Watching over the shared Ventura Breeze and Ventura County Adult Day Health Care center was Breezy Gledhill, Breeze Advertising Advisor, Staci Brown, Ventura County Adult Day Health Care Social Worker, and Kate Freeny, Ventura County Adult Day Health Care Program Director.

Ventura County Adult Day Health Care provides a day program that offers a variety of services in support of families and caregivers by providing a safe place for their loved ones to go during the day.

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News and Notes

Bringing awareness to the cause

Although October is designated for breast cancer awareness, some have decided to bring awareness to the cause a little sooner! A group of moms, friends and family members have put together a team for the American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

The "BOOB Crew" has partnered with Ventura County's hot new band Standard Deviance and Beach House Tacos to put on a concert to benefit the American Cancer Society. The American Cancer

Society Benefit Concert for Breast Cancer will be on Saturday, Sept. 21 at Beach House Tacos on the Ventura Pier. The raffle/silent auction will open at 3pm and the concert will begin at 4:30pm. Beach House Tacos will be donating a percentage of their proceeds from their sales that day to the American Cancer Society.

"We are thrilled to be partnering with our local community to help support such an important cause," said Catherine Pulisic, Team Captain for the BOOB Crew.

To learn how to get further involved with the American Cancer Society Making Strides walk visit www.cancer.org or call 1.800.ACS.2345. Make sure to "like" American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Benefit Concert on Facebook.



Before the Ventura County Fair Parade began on August 3 spectators enjoyed watching the zany entries that competed in the annual Ventura County Fair Costume 5K & 1-Mile Run & Walk. Runners and walkers clad in Boots, Barns and Banjos themed costumes raced down Main Street to the delight of the early morning crowd. The judges Peter Berson, Sheldon Brown, Glenda Cardona, Margo Byrne, Heidi McQuitty and Mark Watkins selected Megan Holliday as the costume winner that best exemplified the fair theme as a rodeo cowboy. Photo by Amanda Peacock.

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■ Writing in the VC Star, in her ongoing senior column my good friend Margaret Nesbitt wrote in part "I am always happy to write about pets, but when the prestigious Johns Hopkins Medical Center writes good news about dogs, I am very happy."

"It states, 'Owning a pet may reduce your risk for cardiovascular disease.'"

"In my mind, there is no question people with cardiovascular disease have a better chance of survival if they have a dog."

How nice to know besides being just wonderful to have around (wagging our tails and licking your face) that we can also make people healthier. Just another reason to have a dog be a part of your family.

■ Recently the National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi, located in San Francisco, announced plans to build a repository for pet ashes under a hollow in a stairway and many animal lovers were thrilled to hear this.

But with people involved things never seem to go too smoothly (even though this is a wonderful idea) there have been objections from some churchgoers questioning whether the stairway is a sacred place and does placement of dog ashes equate to a pet burial and would St. Francis object to this? How could he possibly object, aren't us pets sacred?

This is even though the sanctuary hosts a blessing of animals that brings hundreds of people to the twice yearly blessing of dogs, cats, and even chickens.

■ It's widely known that bad breath isn't just unpleasant, but a sign of poor dental hygiene and potential dental problems. But what about in our pets? Sometimes dogs and cats have the smelliest breath of all and yet many pet parents believe this is okay.

In fact, one in three pet parents believe that bad breath in pets is completely normal, according to a study commissioned by The Greenies Brand team, makers of pet specialty dental chews and treats.

Experts (And me) say that the same attitude people apply toward bad breath should apply to your pets' breath as well, don't assume it is just because we are dogs. I do admit though that wet dogs can smell, that's why I don't like to get wet.

"Your pet's breath is a barometer of their oral health. Bad breath is a sign of poor oral health and potential dental disease," say Dr. Brook Niemiec, a board certified veterinary dentist and President of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry. "By the time a pet owner becomes aware of their pet's bad breath, it is likely that dental disease has been present for an extended period of time."

Bad breath in pets stems from bacterial plaque accumulation (that sounds awful), which comes from regular activities like eating meals and fetching slobbery toys. The bacteria work their way under a pet's gum line to create gingivitis (I thought that was red-headed people). If left untreated, this could result in periodontal disease, a serious dental condition that affects a pet's whole-body health.

It's time for you to get serious about pet dental health, as three-fourths of dogs and cats over age three have oral disease, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

"If your pet has bad breath, a visit to the veterinarian is crucial," says Niemiec (Just another reason to put us on that cold table).

Fortunately, pets can reduce the risk of bad breath through daily tooth brushing or by giving dental treats. Dental treats help keep us four-legged friends happy while maintaining our prolonged oral health.

To ensure the treats will be effective in fighting plaque and tartar buildup, opt for those approved by the Veterinary Oral Health Council (VOHC). For example, vet recommended Greenies Dental Chews and Treats carry the VOHC Seal of Acceptance, as do other treats

Don't forget to manage your pet's oral and overall health with regular visits to the veterinarian and with professional dental cleanings as advised.

To learn more about how to prevent bad breath in pets and keep pets' mouths healthy, visit www.facebook.com/greenies.

■ This is from an online site so I didn't write it but thought that it was good information.

Dear Paw's Corner: We're planning a multi-family, end-of summer camping trip and would like to bring our two dogs, Reilly and Quark. Our worry is that there will be several kids of various ages on the trip. Will our dogs be able to coexist with so many strange people? — Bill and Stacy, Boulder, Colo.

Dear Bill and Stacy: Bringing pets along on a camping trip can be a lot of fun, and the dogs could have a blast, but if it's your first such trip, those are good questions to ask: How well socialized are your dogs?

Are they accustomed to interacting with other dogs and with new people?

Have they spent much time around children? If you're not sure, it's time to take them to the dog park or on a scheduled play date with other dogs to begin socializing them.

You also need to ask questions of your fellow campers. How do they feel about the dogs coming along?

Are any of them, or any of their kids, afraid of dogs?

Finally, you need to find out about the campsite. Does it have regulations concerning pets, such as requiring them to be on a leash in certain areas?

Does it allow them at all? (Some don't, for various reasons.)

If you have doubts about your dogs' ability to handle lots of attention from a group of new humans, it may be best to leave them with a caretaker during this particular camping trip. Plan a camping trip just for yourselves and your dogs in the near future, to get them and you accustomed to the unique experience of camping together.

Lost Kitty



Hi: I'm Malcolm and a male American Short Hair cat. I'm 5 years old without a collar (be sure that your cat wears a collar). I'm all black with white patches on my chest and have green eyes.

I was last seen near Poli and Ash Streets and my companion's name is Jenna. If you find me please call her at 631-944-0833 because I don't like being lost and I miss her.

When you've lost or found a cat in Ventura County go to LostCatVentura.com.

Forever homes wanted

Hi: I'm Chloe, a beautiful 3½-year-old American Bulldog. I recently found out that I have 3 Mast Cell Tumors on my lower body. They've been removed but sadly my prognosis is not good. I'm receiving chemotherapy treatments which may give me at most 1 year. I still would love a forever home, but realize that may not be possible. I live at the Sanctuary and it'd be wonderful to be in a foster home while I am going through my chemotherapy treatments. Everyone at C.A.R.L. is trying to make whatever time I have left the best that they can. If you can't adopt/foster me but would like to help with my medical bills please visit www.carlvc.org. You may also drop off toys, treats and other gifts for Chloe at the adoption center. Be sure to let them know it's for Chloe.

The Canine Adoption & Rescue League, Sam's Place, 3203 E. Main Street, 644-7387. www.carlvc.org.



Damon will be your best friend and lifelong companion if you can give him a little affection and tender loving. He is friendly, submissive and redirects easily for training. He loves getting petted and will give you 100% of his attention if you ask for it. Since he is such a gentle dog at 4 years old, he would do best with little dogs or as an only pet.

We sense that he's had a tough time, but instead of bringing him down, his previous neglect

seems to have transformed him into a dog that appreciates every little touch, brush, or hug you give him.

Damon is in desperate need of some TLC and we're hoping that his chance has arrived for a new family who can show him how a dog truly deserves to be treated. Visit him at the Camarillo Adoption Center at 600 Aviation Dr. and ask for Animal ID number A580991.

Hi: I'm Charlotte, a 1-year-old pittie mix, rescued from a high-kill shelter in the desert. I am a very lucky dog because I am alive and well and playing at Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding for Dogs. I am very puppy like and social with everyone! I have lots of puppy love to give, stop by to see me at 4692 Ventura Avenue or call 643-3647.



Scamp Club



Hi: My name is Jo Jo, I am a boy Silky Terrier born April 11 of this year. So far my favorite things are being held by the kids and human touch and interaction. But I'm sure that I will have lots of other favorite things as I grow up.

Join Scamp Club

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

Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

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

Armed Robbery

On Tuesday, August 20th, at 5:28 a.m., Angel Martinez walked into the Chevron gas station in the 500 block of Thompson Boulevard and brandished a handgun at the clerk while demanding money. As the clerk was trying to open the register, Martinez struck her in the back of the head with the handgun. Once the clerk was able to open the register, Martinez took an undisclosed amount of cash and then fled.

Officers were unable to locate the suspect. The clerk sustained non-life threatening injuries and chose to seek her own medical attention.

On Tuesday, officers identified a vehicle that was used during the commission of the crime. The vehicle was seen traveling in the area of E. Main Street and Laurel Avenue. Angel Martinez was in the vehicle and was identified as a suspect.

SWAT Operation

On Thursday, August 22nd, at 7:29 p.m., VPD officers received information about a wanted parolee, Omar Ruiz, staying inside an apartment in the 6600 block of Telephone Road. Ruiz was armed and had an outstanding felony warrant for drug sales.

Police officers surrounded the apartment and attempted to have Ruiz surrender peacefully. Instead the occupants remained inside, refusing to exit.

Ventura Police SWAT responded to the scene. Three occupants walked outside and were contacted by police officers. Two, Robert Vazquez and Ricardo Garcia, were arrested. The third occupant was released at the scene. It was determined that Ruiz was not inside the apartment.

Prowling

On Saturday, August 24th, at 3:17 a.m., VPD officers responded to a call of 2 subjects seen on the property of Sam Hill and Sons Construction located in the 2600 block of Beene Road. Officers searched for the subjects and found Khanh Knapp hiding near a storage container belonging to the business. Knapp was taken into custody without incident. Officers located burglary tools that had been in Knapp's possession.

Prowling

On Sunday, August 25th, at 3:52 a.m., the VPD received a call of a garage burglary in the 4000 block of Maple Street. The victim awoke to the sounds of an unknown person rummaging around inside his garage and looked outside to see that there was property from his garage on his front lawn.

An officer observed a suspicious subject riding a bicycle in the 100 block of Estates Avenue. The bicyclist fled as the officer attempted to make contact and was found hiding. The subject, Brendan Lanigan, was detained and several items of property were recovered from where he had first been observed.

Lanigan had gained access into an unlocked vehicle on Maple Street and removed a garage door opener that he used to enter the victim's garage.

Prowling Arrest

On Monday, August 26th, at 1:50 a.m., the VPD received a call of a prowler at the Cypress Point Apartments. The victim stated that an unknown male subject had just entered her home through a sliding glass door. The subject walked past the victim who was in bed and down the hall exiting the house through the front door.

Officers detained a subject, Daniel Teran, near the apartment. Teran was the subject who walked through the house. No one was injured during the incident.

Prowling Arrest

On Monday, August 26th, at 6:02 a.m., the VPD received a call of two males and one female peering into the windows of parked vehicles in the area of Woodstock Lane and Pierpont Boulevard.

Upon arrival, the responding officers observed two male subjects running towards the south end of Sharon Lane. An officer that was on the perimeter observed a suspect, Richard Vasquez, walk out of the side yard of a residence in the 1000 Block of Sharon Lane. Officers detained Vasquez.

Investigating officers found several items of property discarded to the rear of the victim's home. The property was determined to have been taken from unlocked vehicles that were parked in the immediate area. Vasquez was booked at VC Jail.

Brandishing a Weapon

On Monday, August 26th, at 9:54 a.m., while working routine patrol in the area of Ventura Avenue and Park Row, 2 officers observed subjects standing on the sidewalk arguing and getting ready to fight.

The suspect, Casey Cravey, pulled a knife from his pocket while still engaged in the argument with the victim, James Mitchell. The officers were able to gain control of Cravey and place him into custody.

Resisting Arrest

On Tuesday, August 27th, at 11:25 a.m., the VPD received a call from a citizen about a person who appeared to be breaking into cars. Officers arrived in the area and saw Andrew Ortiz. Ortiz ran from officers. Officers chased Ortiz throughout the area. One officer was able to grab Ortiz by the shirt; Ortiz turned and punched the officer in the face. A violent struggle ensued between the officer and Ortiz. Even when another officer was involved, Ortiz continued to fight and resist efforts to arrest him. The officers handcuffed Ortiz, however Ortiz continued to struggle and kick. Ortiz was transported and booked into VC Jail. Both officers received minor injuries.

Community Crime Alert

There has been increase in the number of reported burglaries to storage rental facilities/units throughout Ventura.

During the first eight and a half months of 2013, the department has seen a 181% increase in the number of reported burglaries and thefts from storage units. There have been 73 incidents reported vs. 26 in 2012. 41 have been by forced entry, 31 have been committed with no

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force, and 1 incident categorized as an unknown method of entry.

There are steps one can take to protect property, including using the best possible lock to secure items, when choosing a storage rental facility, check their security measures, visit your unit frequently, call the police and inquire about current burglary incidents in that facility, receive recommendations on facilities from friends and family, and purchase insurance. You can also itemize your property and record serial numbers as well as photographing property. In the case of a burglary, contact the VPD.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

8-23 1:44 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a report of a boat on fire outside of the Harbor. Patrol and Lifeguards reported that they saw a vessel with heavy exhaust leaving the Harbor. Patrol responded to the Harbor Entrance with FD. No boat was seen. All units were cancelled.

8-24 12:24 p.m. Time Share staff report a woman fell in the parking lot. Patrol provided minor first aid and no other assistance was necessary.

8-25 9:40 a.m. Patrol received a request for assistance from a vessel experiencing mechanical problems in the entrance. Patrol responded, took the vessel into tow and held it in place until a vessel arrived to tow it to Channel Island Harbor.

12:45 p.m. Patrol observed a vessel against the rip rap at VWM, responded, took the vessel into tow and released it at its slip at VIM.

6:15 p.m. Patrol responded to a report of a vessel collision at VWM. Upon arrival, it was difficult to determine if damage had occurred because the struck boat was in a state of disrepair.

Designated Drivers are winning

Be the DD and Win! is excited to celebrate two years of rewarding Designated Drivers (DDs) in Ventura County. In 2011, through funding received from the Office of Traffic Safety, Ventura County Behavioral Health Department sparked collaboration between local non-profit agencies including Project SAFER and Straight up, law enforcement, and popular nightlife businesses to implement a pilot program to reduce impaired driving.

Once a month, more than a dozen participating businesses throughout Ventura County identify designated drivers amongst their groups of patrons, and provide each DD a wristband entitling them to receive free sodas or other non-alcoholic beverages for the evening.

During pre-determined promotional nights, a group of young and enthusiastic volunteers - known as the "Prize Posse" - visit participating establishments looking for customers wearing the DD wristbands. The Prize Posse hands out candy and festive bead necklaces while thanking designated drivers for not drinking alcohol as part of their commitment to transport their friends' home safely that night.

Officer Bernadette Compean of the Ventura Police Department has held the assignment of Alcohol Enforcement Officer for a year, and is a vital part of the Be the DD and Win! in the City of Ventura.

In the past 12 months, on 27 nights, the Prize Posse has promoted "Be the DD and Win!" The efforts have resulted in 21 retail establishments identifying more than 1,500 designated drivers; the Prize Posse awarding more than 225 prizes; and most importantly, approximately 3,750 patrons were transported home by a sober driver.

Find additional information by going to www.bethedd.com.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

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Answers

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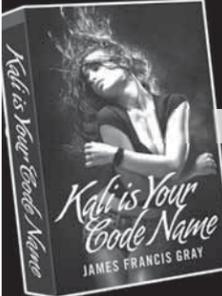
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Community Events

limited number of VIP tickets are offered at \$100 each. VIP tickets include all of the benefits associated with General Admission, plus early entrance to the event at 4:30 pm and a reserved seat at a VIP table along the promenade.

Tickets are available on line at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/400822 or by calling 800.838.3006. Additional information, including mail in ticket options and restaurant/winery participation forms can be found at www.pierintothefuture.org or by emailing pieintothefuture@gmail.com.

Sports

Inaugural Ventura Marathon now a certified Boston qualifier

The inaugural Ventura Marathon on Sunday, September 8, is right on target to be an epic race, having recently been certified as a Boston qualifier.

Race director and founder Josh Spiker stated, "We are really excited about being a Boston Marathon qualifier and look forward to creating something special. I was born and raised in Ventura and have always wanted to create the Ventura Marathon and bring people in from all over the United States. Everything is starting to fall into place although we won't get a good night's sleep until the race is over."

The race will take runners and walkers alike along a flat and fast course through the cities of Ventura, Oxnard and Port Hueneme before culminating at the beachfront finish of the historic Ventura Pier.

Aside from the marathon, participants can choose to do a half-marathon, a 5K, a kids' run or bike rides ranging from 30 - 100 miles. The beach party on September 7th and 8th is expected to be a crowd-drawer with seven local live bands, food trucks, vendors and free arts and crafts for the kids. This will be a weekend-long beach extravaganza.

Over 2,300 participants have signed up for all events thus far, representing five countries and 25 states, making the Ventura Marathon a definite must-do destination race in years to come.

The race will benefit several local charities including Pier Into The Future and the Humane Society of Ventura County, in addition to supporting charity teams wherein participants can raise money for the charity of their choice.

For more information and to register, please visit: www.venturamarathon.com. The last day to register online is on Wednesday, September 4th.

Health

CMHS offers Prostate Cancer Seminar

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness month. In observance

Community Memorial Health System on Tuesday, Sept. 10 is holding a seminar - Prostate Cancer: Risks, Detection and Treatment.

Prostate Cancer - the most common non-skin-related cancer among men - will be the focus of a free seminar presented by Ventura urologists Drs. Marc Beagler and Seyed Khoddami. The seminar will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in Community Memorial Hospital's eighth-floor Nichols Auditorium. In addition, attendees will receive a certificate for a free Prostate Specific Antigen test.

They will cover the risk factors for developing prostate cancer, discuss methods of detection and review treatment options. They also will discuss the current controversy concerning prostate cancer screening.

Dr. Beagler received his medical degree from the Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, Neb. He is currently a clinical professor of Urology at USC Keck School of Medicine, and a member of the American Urology Association.

Dr. Khoddami received his medical degree from the University of Tehran School Of Medicine in Tehran, Iran. He is a clinical Assistant Professor of Urology at USC and a member of American Urology Association.

Admission is free, but space is limited, so reservations are required. Call 652-5436, or visit www.cmhsealth.org/rsvp.

Community Memorial Hospital is located at 147 N. Brent St. in Ventura.

A new healing group for people infected or affected with HIV / AIDS

On Wednesday, September 11, Ventura County Public Health's (VCPH) HIV/AIDS program will launch a new POZ Community Healing Group for people infected or affected with HIV / AIDS. The no-fee, drop-in support group will meet from 5:30 - 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month in Conference Room 14A at the Ventura Public Health Clinic, 3147 Loma Vista Road.

The stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS makes life more difficult for people living with the disease and their families. The healing group has been created to provide education, peer support, life strategies and positive acceptance for those impacted with HIV/AIDS.

In addition, VCPH offers free HIV rapid-testing from 4 - 7 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday at the Ventura Public Health Clinic. To schedule a free, confidential or anonymous HIV test at any Ventura County Public Health clinic, call 981-5221 or 652-5780.

For more information about VCPH's HIV/AIDS program, visit: <http://www.vchca.org/public-health/hiv-aids-center> or contact Craig Webb, VCPH HIV/AIDS Program Manager at 652-3310.

For more information about the POZ HIV group, contact group facilitator, Giselle Teller-Holt at 208-2074 orgkteller@yahoo.com.



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Tickets on sale for *Pier Under the Stars*

Tickets are now on sale for Pier Under the Stars—the 20th annual benefit for the historic Ventura Pier to be held on Saturday, October 5th, from 5-8pm. Each year more than 800 residents and visitors attend this beachfront culinary fair adjacent to the pier to sample the county's best food and spirits provided by over 50 area businesses.

Restaurants, cafes, wineries and breweries serve their signature dishes and beverages from tented booths along the seaside Promenade while guests enjoy live music and dancing by The MiniDriver Band and bid on silent auction items—all to benefit the city's 140-year-old pier.

The sell-out event hosted by Pier

into the Future—a non-profit 501 c (3)—"is a much anticipated community gathering of friends that raises funds for our beloved Pier", said Pier Into the Future Executive Director Jenise Wagar. The organization was founded by a group of dedicated community leaders, in partnership with the City of Ventura, to establish an endowment fund to preserve, maintain and enhance the historic Ventura Pier for future generations to enjoy. The organization has contributed over \$460,000 to the City of Ventura to enhance the Pier.

General admission tickets are \$60.00 and include food and beverage tasting, a commemorative Pier wine glass and complementary parking. A

Health

Foster Parenting Information meeting

Simple gestures can restore a child's faith in love and security. This is the power of a foster parent.

A willingness to comfort, encourage and enrich a life, whether briefly or forever is the essence of being a foster parent. See if the power of fostering is in you at an upcoming foster parenting information meeting on Tuesday, September 24 from 6 to 8p.m.

Foster parents can be single, married and live in a house or apartment. Foster families come in many sizes, ages and backgrounds; they may be together for a short time or permanently.

Recent changes in the law enables foster parenting to extend to a foster child's 21 birthday meaning foster parents have an even greater influence on their foster child's future and an opportunity to provide mentoring to children as they enter young adulthood.

To learn more about foster parenting, attend the next information meeting on September 24 at the Human Services Agency of Ventura County (855 Partridge Dr., Ventura). Call 358-3220 or go to www.vchsa.org/foster for more dates and an online meeting option.

Business

VCCU hires new Vice President of Technology

Ventura County Credit Union (VCCU) has hired Mark Ross as their new Vice President of Technology. Ross will further the credit union's information security and application development, and work to advance e-commerce, disaster recovery and business process improvement.

He previously served for 12 years as Webmaster, Programmer and VP of IT at Burbank City Federal Credit Union.

Having graduated from Pepperdine University's undergraduate program with degrees in journalism and political science, he went on to achieve his MBA with an emphasis in finance.

Ross and his wife have been married for 11 years, and the couple has a six-year-old daughter and a three-year-old Golden Retriever.

Ventura Job & Career Center

Wednesday, September 11 – Resumes that Sell, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon – Hands-on workshop providing assistance in completing a resume, cover and thank-you letters. Walk away with a portfolio that shows off professional skills and experience. Career Shops are offered at no cost to Job Seekers.

Wednesday, September 18 – Winning Interviews, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon – Supplies the tools to make a lasting first impression when interviewing.

Career Shops are offered at no cost to Job Seekers.

Space is limited. Prior registration required by calling the Ventura Job & Career Center, 4651 Telephone Road, at 654-3435 to enroll.

Religion

Chabad celebrates Festival of Sukkot

The Chabad Jewish Center of Ventura will celebrate the festival of Sukkot. The festival of Sukkot, commemorating the 40-year journey of the Israelites through the desert (1313-1273 BCE), is celebrated for 7 days, beginning from the eve of Wed., Sept., 18. During this time, it is customary to "dwell" in a sukkah – a hut of temporary construction, with a roof covering of raw, unfinished vegetable matter (branches, reeds, bamboo, etc.).

Chabad of Ventura will be hosting Festival dinners on the first three nights of Sukkot following services. On Wed., Sept. 18, the first night of Sukkot, "Israel in the Sukkah". On the 2nd night, Thur., Sept. 19, the dinner menu will be New York Deli. On Friday night, Sept. 20, dinner guests will enjoy a traditional Shabbat meal, with such favorites as gefilte fish, matzah ball soup, and potato kugel. The suggested donation for each dinner is \$18 per adult and \$10 per child.

Chabad of Ventura is located at 5040 Telegraph Road, at Day Road. To make Sukkot dinner reservations or for more information please visit www.ChabadVentura.com, or please call 658-7441.

Vino

Grape Expectations

In the heat of the summer

by Eric Garnier

As we baste away in this summer heat (it finally arrived), our wine buying patterns tend to change. No longer are we looking for the big Cabernet or the big and oakey Chardonnay. As temperatures jump well into the high 80's I recommend wines that are more refreshing and sometimes a little lighter in alcohol.

For the reasons listed above, my first choice for hot days are Rose wines. There are many areas that produce rose wines, from Santa Ynes, just north of us, to the great roses from the south of France. Just about every wine growing region around the world makes rose wines. These wines are great starter wines and some will hold up to lighter dishes.

Sauvignon Blanc is also a perfect wine for the summer heat. Again, Santa Barbara County, Napa, and New Zealand make some of the best. In the Loire Valley of France, one will also find great Sauvignon Blanc. Lastly regarding white wines for summer, I would recommend many of the white wines from Italy. Especially good are the wines from the Campania region, just east of Naples. These wines are light, refreshing and very food friendly. They have nice acidity, with little or no oak.

If red wines are still your choice

during the hot summers, try some lighter reds like Pinot Noir. Other choices to consider are Rhone style red wines, many of which are made in the Santa Barbara wine region as some of the wines made right here on the Ventura Wine Trail. These wines are usually made from blending Grenache, Mouvedre and Syrah.

As always, we all have different wine thoughts during the hot days of summer. My suggestions are few, as there are so many different styles and varietals to choose from. So, have a toast and raise your glass to summer.

Cheers

Eric

Questions on comments



International Overdose Awareness Day
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The La Ventana Treatment Programs focus on understanding the complexity and progressive nature of eating disorders and substance abuse. Individuals seeking recovery may struggle with addictive behaviors and other underlying problems such as depression, anxiety, trauma, chronic pain and compulsive behaviors that may have blocked past attempts to free themselves from addictive behaviors.

They offer residential detoxification, day treatment, intensive outpatient programs, residential treatment and structured client housing.

In Ventura they are located at 2443 Portola. For more information on La Ventana's programs, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/LaVentanaCooccurringDisorders>. They also have offices located in San Francisco, Santa Rosa and Thousand Oaks.

Ask a City Director

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such as Project Understanding, the Salvation Army and Turning Point to implement our Homeless to Home program; this effort is enhanced by participation from private non-profits, advocates, faith-based organizations, neighborhoods and the business community to focus resources and efforts on ending homelessness.

As Rob Orth, Director of Social Services for The Salvation Army, said, "Our challenge is how we care for those who are completely broken and in need of assistance while we protect and serve others around us.

This is a delicate balance but one that is possible if we use wisdom and learn from the best practices that are out there and are proving to be successful."

While our community is compassionate about helping those in need, we also place a high priority on public safety and quality of life issues. We are embarking on expanding the success of the 2012 Ventura River efforts by pursuing a similar strategy in the Santa Clara River to eliminate permanent encampments. This complex project reinforces the City Council's goal of a Safe and Clean Ventura. We are doing this with support of key social service providers, the Ventura Police Department and many other city department personnel. As with the Ventura River, we are providing funding to offer emergency housing and social services to those willing to accept case management and who are ready to change their lives and move out of homelessness. However, it should be clear that not all Santa Clara River "residents" will accept this offer and will continue to reside in our beachside community, as they do along the entire California coast.

In collaboration with our Santa Clara River project, six hundred incoming freshmen from California Lutheran University assisted on Tuesday, September 3 with clearing out trash and debris fields as they work together on the fifth annual CLU "You Got Served" service-learning community project.

Learn more about the city's homeless efforts at www.cityofventura.net/homelesservices

Voice from the River – Part II

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in April.

She asserts that she is not lazy or without hireable skills. "We're not homeless because we want to be. I'm homeless because I can't find another job. Without a job, you can't make your rent."

The Santa Clara community is speaking out in hopes of changing attitudes in Ventura toward the homeless. As Morgan explains, "Let's take all this energy that is going into a negative flow and turn it around. Let's do some brainstorming. Why can't we do something to raise the standard of living in this city for all people? Why can't they let us do things that would benefit other people?"

Rather than reinforce prejudice toward the homeless, Tewes would like for people to see a bigger picture, one that takes into account the efforts they make to recycle, their willingness to carry through on a job, the intelligence they have to survive and care for each other in a river camp. "What I would like to see is that people have a different opinion about us," he said, "because we are hard working, loving, and we are not the people that we are painted to be."

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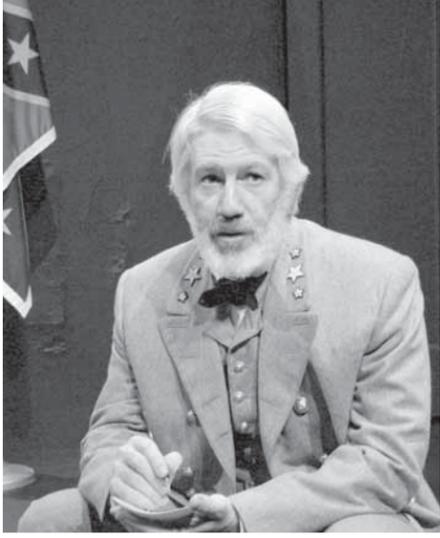
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Show Time



Tom Dugan, is he Simon Wiesenthal or Robert E. Lee?

Two on the Aisle

Civil War legend comes alive at the Rubicon

by Jim Spencer and Shirley Lorraine

He was a man opposed to both slavery and the South leaving the Union. Why, then, did Robert E. Lee refuse President Lincoln's offer to lead the Union army and choose to serve the Confederacy during the Civil War?

The answer to this and other thought provoking questions are revealed in *Robert E. Lee – Shades of Gray*, which plays through September 29 at Ventura's Rubicon Theatre Company.

To gain more insight into the play, we enjoyed a sit down over coffee with the show's prolific playwright and star, award-winning actor Tom Dugan, and the Rubicon's Artistic Associate Jenny Sullivan, who is directing the production.

Intrigued by the Civil War era, Dugan shared that he came to distrust books that portrayed all history as black or white. He independently delved into the saga of Civil War legend Robert E. Lee and discovered his life reflected many shades of gray.

Lee was a deeply religious man who despised slavery. As the father of seven married to George Washington's great-granddaughter, he was at once a devoted family man and warrior, having graduated second in his class at West Point, who felt a deep sense of duty to his native state of Virginia.

As part of his exhaustive research Dugan visited every historical site and battlefield referred to in the script. Then, ten years ago, he penned this one-person tour de force and has been polishing it in performance ever since.

The opening sequence begins in the moments before Lee is to surrender to General Grant and end the Civil War. Through a series of flashbacks, Dugan, as Lee, interacts with a variety of historical characters and reveals, in captivating fashion, insights into the man, the legend and the era.

Many say the show is a guy's play. It is filled with literate hunks of strategy, battlefield planning, action, adventure and visceral events. It is also said to be a woman's piece, as it deals with issues of family, separation, sacrifice for a career, and has special "pow" moments. But one

thing is sure, audience members of every age and gender come away energized by both the content and experience.

As the show's director for this run at the Rubicon, Jenny Sullivan is bringing both her fresh eyes and seasoned creative perspectives to burnish and add nuance and depth to this proven script. The presentation is visually invigorating and supported by a special soundscape that fills the theater.

Robert E. Lee – Shades of Gray is presented at Ventura's Rubicon Theatre Company, corner of Main and Laurel Streets, on Wednesdays through Sundays until September 29. Times are 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays, 2:00 and 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Talk backs with the audience are scheduled after the Wednesday evening performances. Tickets are \$25.00 - \$49.00 (depending on the day) and may be purchased at the Rubicon Box office (use the Laurel Street side entrance); by telephone (805) 667-2900; or online with 24-hour-a-day ticketing at www.rubicontheater.org.

Where The Music Flows

Got ink?

by Michael Kohli

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Currently listening to: Roar by Katy Perry

The 5th Annual Ink For A Cause festival is gearing up to take place on September 13-15 at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. The three day tattoo and art convention will feature live art, bands, vendors, and more. Bands performing will be: (on Fri) Government Trap, Klockwyze; (on Sat) Lords of Ruin, All Else Fails. Other bands include: The Chimpz, Static Fiction & King Thick. This year's featured charity is Kids Arts. Brother Sal will be the featured act at the Ink For A Cause after party at Zoey's Cafe. The entire event is put together by the wonderful Christina Diaz. More info?: InkForACause.com

Local music friend, Jennifer Johnson is putting together the 2nd annual Lupus benefit at Bombay Bar & Grill on Sept. 13. A lot of bands are coming together to perform in support such as; New Liberty, Ska Daddyz, Bullet Made Statues, Irie Army, Stoneflies, The Unannounced, Seaside Band, and Glass Key Hotel. The event is in tribute to Jennifer's mom, who has been battling Lupus. In late October, Jennifer will participate in Walk To End Lupus in San Francisco. Donations are greatly encouraged.

Last weekend, I attended Ventura County Gay Pride, put together by Color Gardens. Lots of great entertainment. Including local bands; 50 Sticks Of Dynamite, Gambini & Angie's Curse. Frenchie Davis was the headlining attraction, known from her appearances on singing competition shows; American Idol and The Voice. She's become quite the gem in the Broadway world. JC Jones and Cazwell were among the other many performers. It was great to see so many people come together at Promenade Park by the beach. All together, it was a fun day!

VFS @ 420 East 2013

The VFS presents *The Invisible String*

On Thursday Sept. 12th at 7:15pm, at the Century 10 Downtown Ventura, the Ventura Film Society helps launch the 2013 Aloha Beach Festival with a very special screening of *The Invisible String*. This brand new documentary is a journey into the hearts and minds of the people that started the Frisbee phenomenon. Join the VFS at this unique event. Proceeds benefit the Red Cross of Ventura County and the Ventura Film Society. The Society is proud to present *The Invisible String* as a special added screening during their 5th season. Advance Tickets to *The Invisible String* can be purchased at www.venturafilm.com/tickets.html.

Tuesday, Sept 17th @ 7:15pm

Blackfish

(Director Gabriela Cowperthwaite and composer Jeff Beal will attend.)

Many of us have experienced the excitement and awe of watching 8,000-

pound Orcas, or "killer whales," soar out of the water and fly through the air at sea parks, as if in perfect harmony with their trainers. Yet, in our contemporary lore, this mighty black-and-white mammal is like a two-faced Janus. It is beloved as a majestic, friendly giant. It is also infamous for its capacity to kill. *Blackfish* is a controversial and eye-opening documentary from director Gabriela Cowperthwaite that unravels the complexities of this dichotomy and shows the devastating consequences of keeping such intelligent and sentient creatures in captivity.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present *Blackfish*, sponsored by Cynthia Loughman/Remax Gold Coast Realty, as the 16th of 21 feature films. Advance Tickets to any VFS film, as well as VFS Memberships, can be purchased securely at www.venturafilmsociety.com/tickets.html. Screening information is available at www.venturafilmsociety.com. For information call 628-2299 or write info@venturafilmsociety.com for further information. The VFS Screening Room is located at 420 E. Santa Clara (@ Oak) in Downtown Ventura. The Ventura Film Society – We Bring People Together In The Dark.

In popular music; new releases in the month of September is quite eclectic. Among the many include; Nine Inch Nails, Madonna (live DVD and double album), John Legend, Drake, Kings Of Leon, Ludacris, Dream Theater, Cher, The Roots and Elvis Costello (collaboration album), Justin Timberlake, Sheryl Crow, Gloria Estefan, Goldfrapp, Keith Urban, Billy Currington, MGMT, Placebo and more!

Music Calendar 9/4 to 9/17

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

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

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

Live Bands and Musicians every Tue thru Sun

Blackbeard's Seaside BBO

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

GiGi's Cocktail Lounge

2493 Grand Ave., 805-642-2411

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

Live Bands every Fri & Sat 9pm

It's All Good Bar & Grill

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

Open Mike Night every Wed

Majestic Theater

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

Thur 9/12 - Immortal Technique, Brother Ali 8pm

Sandbox Coffeehouse

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

Live Music Performances every Thur, Sat & Sun

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

Thur 9/12 - Open Mic Night Hosted by Jammin Joe 7:30-9:30pm

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

Ventura County Blues Society Jam

session hosted by Tommy Marsh every Wed 8pm

Wed 9/4 - The Caverns 9pm

Fri 9/6 - The Caverns 10pm

Sat 9/7 - Jahman Soul 10pm

Tue 9/10 - Open Mic Night 9pm

Wed 9/11 - The Caverns 9pm

Fri 9/13 - Dub Thief, Siletta 10pm

Sat 9/14 - Key to the Highway Blues Benefit featuring Tommy Castro & the Painkilles 10pm

W2O Rooftop Lounge

598 E. Main St. (above Watermark)

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Live Bands every Wed thru Sun

Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm

Thur 9/5 - Ventura Social Club

Fri 9/6 - Pure Joy

Sat 9/7 - Bomb

Sun 9/8 - Los Dudes

Thur 9/12 - Ventura Social Club

Fri 9/13 - Mini Driver

Sat 9/14 - Legalizers

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Fri 9/6 - The Outta Sites (60's British

Rock Invasion Style) 8pm

Fri 9/13 - Roy Gaines (Blues Guitar) 8pm

Zoey's Café

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

Live Musicians & Bands almost every night

Thur 9/5 - Carl Morehouse 7:30pm

Fri 9/6 - Old Man Markley 7pm, Lavasa

& Friends 10pm

Sat 9/7 - The Spires, Catwalk, The Hon-

eycrisps 7:30pm

Tue 9/10 - Bluegrass Jam 6-9:30pm

Thur 9/12 - Denison Witmer, Lauren

Sexton 7:30pm

Sat 9/14 - Mute on the Floor Night 6pm,

Ink for a Cause After Party - featuring

Brother Sal 10pm

Sun 9/15 - Kevin Russel (of the Gourds)

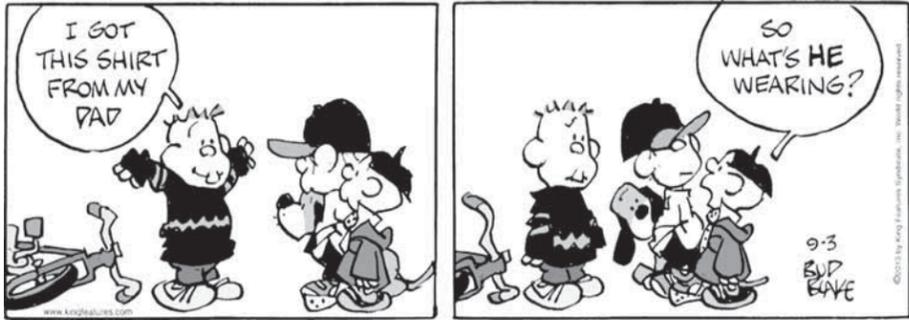
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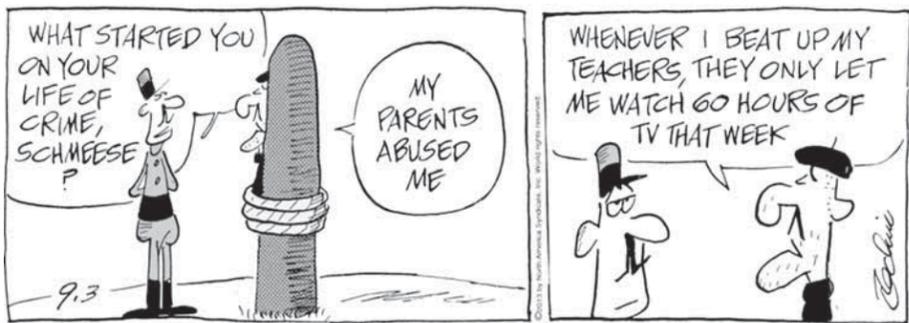
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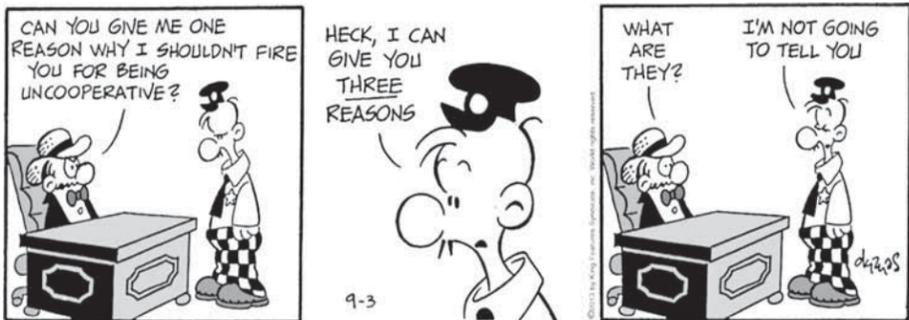
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Mother Goose and Grimm



Sam and Silo



Gil



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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!

Solutions on page 17

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Chic, to Austin Powers
- 4 Crooked
- 8 Implement
- 12 Tramcar contents
- 13 Decorative case
- 14 Unsilently
- 15 Relinquish the throne
- 17 Smile
- 18 Squid squirt
- 19 Big-time operator?
- 21 19-Across, e.g.
- 24 Chart format
- 25 "Eureka!"
- 26 Run-down horse
- 28 Financial advisor Suze
- 32 Teeny bit
- 34 Deviate off course
- 36 Antitoxins
- 37 Dickinson output
- 39 Space
- 41 Water barrier
- 42 Suitable
- 44 Literary comparison
- 46 Last major battle site of WWII
- 50 Lobbyists'

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- 7 Traffic jam
- 8 They're in for the long haul
- 9 Shrek is one
- 10 Hodgepodge
- 11 Singer Loretta
- 16 Bankbook abbr.
- 20 Carnival site
- 21 Moist
- 22 Canton's place
- 23 Shaft of light
- 27 Choke
- 29 Treat an ailment
- 30 Asian sea, really a lake
- 31 Appellation
- 33 Spring (from)
- 35 Existed
- 38 Hot tub
- 40 Ornamental material
- 43 Checker move?
- 45 Buddy
- 46 Muscat's land
- 47 Narc's measure
- 48 Press
- 49 Con
- 53 Press for payment
- 54 - Aviv
- 55 Moray or conger

DOWN

- 1 Bygone bird
- 2 Sphere
- 3 Commit (to)
- 4 Signal, as with a nod
- 5 Schedule abbr.
- 6 "Phooey!"

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week, plus all the facts to back you up, you just might win over the last doubters to your proposal.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be in line for that job change you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond that workplace impasse. No such problems in your personal life, where things continue to flow smoothly.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With more stability in your life — on both personal and professional levels — this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a knack for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist.

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Kids



Leadership Ventura made a portable puppet theater for the non-profit Kids Arts Program directed by Jerrica Van Nest. The team met weekly since March, and personally assisted Jerrica and her children to build cardboard prototypes of what they envisioned their puppet theater would look like. The final puppet theater was unveiled and presented to Jerrica, the children and parents at their 2nd annual family picnic/potluck held on August 24 at Marina Park.

Kids Arts will be temporally relocating to a space in the WAV (Working Artists Ventura) while they look for a new permanent home.

On hand for the presentation were kids and parents and Kathleen Herriot, Makenna Kesterson, Kimberly Bridges and Suzanne Chavez (you can't see him but kid artist Mason Woertink was in the back).

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Art Scene



Restful Mooring, by Rex Kochel, Best of Show winner 2012

The Buena Ventura Art Association, in partnership with the California Gold Coast Watercolor Society, is announcing a call for entries for its 5th annual Watercolor & Aqua Media Open competition. This competition is open to professional and amateur artists from Ventura, Santa Barbara, and Los Angeles counties. The exhibition of selected entries will run from October 2 to October 28, 2013 at BAA's Harbor Village Gallery, 1591 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura. Entries must be submitted online via the art association's website, www.buenaaventuragallery.org.

org, no later than midnight, Monday, September 21.

Z.L. Feng will be the juror for this competition. Feng is an artist-signature member of the American Watercolor Society, the National Watercolor Society, and the Pastel Society of America (as master pastelist).

More information about the Buena Ventura Art Association and its merger with the Gold Coast Watercolor Society, as well as the prospectus for this competition, can be found on the association's website, www.buenaaventuragallery.org or by calling 648-1235.



Please join Focus on the Masters for the September 10 Artist Spotlight interview with Michael Dvortcsakat at the Comedy Club, 1559 Spinnaker Dr., Suite 205, from 6-7:30pm.

It is a painting that takes us out of ourselves to inhabit another viewer who has, in turn, engaged with a great master's work within a museum. Welcome to Museum Suite, Michael Dvortcsak's recent body of work. To purchase a ticket and reserve your seat visit www.FocusOnTheMasters.com or call 653.2501.

Join for an informal supper immediately following the interview at the Ojai home of Paula Spellman for the AfterGLOW Special Event.

The AfterGLOW dinner is \$20 for FOTM members, \$30 for non-members. Paid reservations are essential and required prior to Sept. 6.

Art, a la Carte



Please join in for the opening reception taking place on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 3-5pm as 62 exceptional artists from around the country will be on display from Sept. 18 – Oct. 19 at the Sylvia White Gallery located at 1783 E Main Street. While the first juried exhibition featured nothing but photography, the second will feature all other selected works: paintings, drawings, sculpture, mixed-media, and installations.

The next and final show for Gallery 28 will be a collaboration of Jack Farquhar Halbert and Virginia Beale called Scotland + California and will run until September 16th.

Gallery 28's last show will feature 12 new, never exhibited oil paintings done by

Halbert this year in Scotland and California. This will be Mr. Halbert's last show in the Ventura area for a year as he will be busy painting in Canada and Europe.

Gallery 28 at Seabridge, 1901 S. Victoria Ave., Ste. 109, 985-1128, www.gallery28atseabridge.com



Finally, Focus on the Masters (FOTM) is offering its award-winning Learning To See art program for you!!! Join them for 3 fun-filled evenings of inspiration, camaraderie and creativity. You will be inspired by the artwork and life stories of their own extraordinary documented FOTM artists while you create your own work of art.

A series of three Wednesdays:

September 18: Shibori Banners, inspired by Nancy Rupp & Michael Rohde

October 16: Still Life, inspired by Gayel Childress and David Leffel

November 20: Wire Portraits, inspired by Sergio Aragones & Len Poteshman

Time: 7:00-8:30pm, Cost: \$60

Place: Focus on the Masters, 505 Poli St., Suite 405 (In the back).

To learn more about Learning To See, contact Aimee French at 653.2501 or Education@FocusOnTheMasters.com.

The Tool Room Gallery presents Sacred Spaces and Haikus by Carlos Grasso from Sept. 6 – 21 at 432 N. Ventura Ave. (inside Bell Arts Factory) with a reception on Friday, Sept. 6, from 6-9pm. This exhibition showcases the new work of Carlos Grasso. Grasso is a painter who lives and works in Ojai. He studied Music, Graphic Arts and Painting in Buenos Aires, Paris and Los Angeles. Grasso's paintings are an intriguing mixture of abstract minimalism and geometrical configuration which engages the viewer's visual cortex, as well as their intellect.



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Lyn Fairly and Friends, Saturday 12-1pm
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Horsepower For An Hour, Saturday 1-2pm
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This 'n' That

School granted National Accreditation

The Ventura College School of Nursing is pleased to announce that it has been granted national accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), formerly the National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC). ACEN accreditation acknowledges that the nursing program has met the highest national standards for nursing education. In the state of California, only 32 of 88 eligible Associate Degree in Nursing programs have attained this level of recognition.

The quality of the Ventura College School of Nursing is further demonstrated by the consistently high performance of its graduates on the national nursing licensure (NCLEX) exam. Ventura College nursing graduates have achieved a 92-96 percent pass rate over the past three years, testifying to the outstanding quality of their academic preparation.



Martha B. recently passed away at her home in Oxnard. Martha was cremated and the family will have a "family only" memorial in November around Thanksgiving time. There are many venues, groups, clubs and organizations in several communities where Martha has performed and touched the lives and hearts of others with her wonderful jazz singing where she will be missed.

This is Martha being painted by Johanna Spinks as part of the Face Of Ventura Series. Photo by Richard Lieberman.

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Coming to Ventura College in October... 2013 Food & Film Festival for Vegetarian Awareness

Kickoff in the Ventura College Quad ~ Tuesday October 1st ~ 10:00 am - 6:30 pm

Keynote Speaker Dr. Robin Bernhoft "The Dangers of GMOs" 5:30pm ~ Room MCW-110

Festival ~ Monday October 7th ~ 10:00 am - 8:00 pm

Ventura College Performing Arts Center ~ Keynote Speakers
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Ventura's Premier Food & Wine Tasting Benefit for the Historic Pier

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Tickets Available Online! www.brownpapertickets.com/event/400822 or call 800.838.3006 • MC/VISA Accepted

Saturday • October 5, 2013 • 5-8 pm
Beachfront Promenade near the Ventura Pier

<p>General Admission Tickets \$60</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food, wine and beverage tastings • Commemorative Pier wine glass • Complimentary parking 	<p>VIP Tickets \$100</p> <p>Includes all plus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early entrance to the event at 4:30 pm • One seat at reserved VIP table • Wine & hors d'oeuvres in the VIP area
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All proceeds benefit **Pier into the Future**, a non-profit organization dedicated to the maintenance and enhancement of the Ventura Pier • www.pierintothefuture.org



Music & Entertainment

- 8/30 Barrel House Wailers, 9pm
- 8/31 D.on Darox and the Melody Joy Bakers, 9pm
- 9/1 The Tossers, British Invasion, 5pm
- 9/2 Karen & Joe, \$3 Margaritas 6pm
- 9/3 Catfish & Doug Blues Swing Jam-Open Mic, 8pm
- 9/4 Lady Sings the... Toni Jannotta Jazz Vocals, 7pm
- 9/5 Hamid Cooper latin Jazz, 7:30
- 9/6 2 Trees Franklin Murphy and Patrick Martin, 9pm
- 9/7 Tommy Marsh and Bad Dog Best blues Winner, 9pm
- 9/8 Deep Pockets 5pm
- 9/9 Karen & Joe \$3 Mad Mondays 6pm
- 9/10 Catfish & Doug Blues Swing Jam-Open Mic, 8pm
- 9/11 Lady Sings the... Jodi Farrell, 7pm
- 9/12 The VJC, Ventura Jazz Collective
- 9/13 Deep Pink W/Naomi Nectare
- 9/14 Niki and Sam Saletta 9pm
- 9/15 Zion Band Latin Jazz world music 5pm
- 9/16 Karen & Joe, \$3 Mad Mondays 6pm
- 9/17 Catfish & Doug Blues Swing Jam-Open Mic, 8pm

2 FREE TACOS
With any \$10 purchase

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