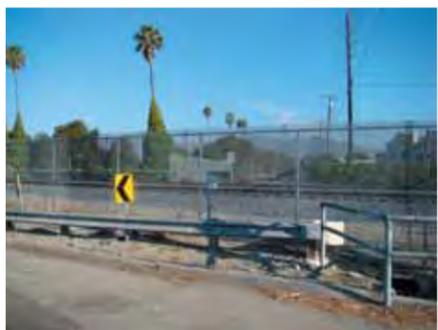




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Did Union Pacific need approval to construct this fence?

Don't fence me

In a previous issue we printed a letter to the editor that stated:

"Editor:

I see that the security fence installed around the "pedestrian" crossing of Union Pacific, from mid-town to Vista Del Mar has been cut once again.

I understand that it is an inconvenience being there but I'm not sure why some people think that they can do this. Union Pacific, just as you would around your property have the right to put a fence up and the person cutting is breaking the law, as they would be cutting through your fence.

Perhaps the residents in mid-town should start working with city, and Union Pacific regarding the installation of a pedestrian ramp over the tracks."

But, apparently Ventura and California Coastal Commission officials say that this isn't the case and that they "have the right to put a fence up" is not true and Union Pacific should have applied for and received the required permits to construct it; that it should be removed or that the railroad should apply for the permits after the fact that would have allowed it to be built in the first place.

Union Pacific claims that they did not need approvals to construct the fence. The city and Coastal Commission contends that permits are required because the fence (except for the hole that has been cut in it) cuts off access to the beach which requires permission to do.

The city had informed Union Pacific that permits were required but they ignored their demands.

Residents living on Vista Del Mar are
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Erik Nasarenko

Mike Tracy

Neal Andrews

Jim Monahan

Low voter turn-out selects council members

These are the final votes for the 4 "new" city council members. Percentages are of those who voted and not registered voters that are 63,697.

The 13,870 ballots cast were 21.8% of registered voters.

Erik Nasarenko	18.10%
8,423 votes	
Mike Tracy	13.98%
6,504 votes	

Neal Andrews	13.68%
6,364 votes	
Jim Monahan	12.62%
5,874 votes	

They will be sworn into office on December 2.

Top vote getter Deputy District Attorney and Library Advisory Commissioner Erik Nasarenko (43) told the
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The kids are Jacob Lopez, Rubi Sarna, Valerie Bustos and Jayne Leandado and the big people are Anne Roundy-Harter, Principal of Blanche Reynolds Elementary School, Karen Bertram, California Department of Education, Nutrition Education Consultant, Trudy Arriaga, Superintendent of Ventura Unified School District, Cari Shore, VP/Retail Market Manager for Rabobank and Katherine Martin, Assistant Director of Food and Nutrition Services, Ventura Unified School District. Photo by John Ferritto.



You will get to meet Santa and Corey and Paige.

Toy Drive aids Gorham's Disease

The 5th Annual Castro Family Toy Drive benefiting the Children's Cancer and Blood Disease Program at Ventura

County Medical Center is being held again this year. They have once again partnered with the National Charity League Juniors of Ventura County and the Ventura Police Activities League for their fundraiser.

A holiday party for the patients and their families where presents will be passed out to the patients and their siblings, catered breakfast, photo booth, face painting, games, Mr. and Mrs. Claus and a whole lot more will be provided for the kids.

They are expecting over 200 children and their families at this year's event.

The Toy Drive was started by Corey and Paige Castro in 2009. At the time Corey was 8 years old and Paige was 6 years old. Corey Castro was diagnosed with a rare bone disease (Gorham's
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The City of Ventura, in partnership with the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and the Vietnam Veterans Ventura County, held a Veterans Day memorial event at the County of Ventura Government Center Veterans Memorial site on Monday, Nov. 11.

The event included comments by local dignitaries and a lowering of the flag by the VFW Color Guard.

These veterans were proud to serve our country and to attend: Korean War vet Rudy Garcia, Viet Nam vet Epi Mendez, Viet Nam vet Eddie Lieghton, Viet Nam vet Art Hernandez, Korean Vet Randy Diaz, Viet Nam vet Lorendzo Chavez.

Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

Eating healthy foods at our elementary schools

At a presentation on Tuesday, Nov. 5 students and dignitaries enjoyed eating from the new salad bar at Blanche Reynolds Elementary School.

With childhood obesity rates more than doubling in the past 30 years, Rabobank has joined forces with the United Fresh Produce Association's "Let's Move Salad Bars to California Schools" campaign, to provide fresh, healthy options for school-aged children. Rabobank sponsored 11 salad bars, including 8 in the Ventura Unified School District, as part of the campaign, including the salad bar at Blanche Reynolds Elementary School.

In addition to Blanche Reynolds Elementary, other Ventura schools receiving a salad bar donation courtesy of Rabobank are:

- Will Rogers Elementary
- Montalvo Elementary
- Elmhurst Elementary
- Sunset Elementary
- Saticoy Elementary
- Anacapa Middle School
- Pacific High School

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Nanci Cone,
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Sherilyn Wheaton, MD, is a board-certified Family Practice physician at 10885 Telegraph Road. She previously worked in the Urgent Care at the West Ventura Medical Clinic and was the Medical Director of Ventura County Healthcare for the Homeless. She is fluent in Spanish.

Jennifer Hughes, DO, is a board-certified Pediatrician at 2593 Telegraph Road with a focus on holistic wellness. She believes in educating families about infant nutrition and also is a breast-feeding specialist.

J. Michael Diaz, PA-C is the new Physician Assistant who will staff our two new offices opening this fall. He is a former paramedic who graduated from USC's Physician Assistant Program in 1986 and has been helping Ventura County patients since 1990.

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One of the last pieces to go into the steel structure of the new Community Memorial Hospital is the *Community Beam* which will hang above the main entrance. We invite you to join us on Saturday, November 23rd and sign your name on the *Community Beam* before it is lifted into place.



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City News

Low voter turnout

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Breeze, “Voters wanted a parent of school-age children on city council. Someone who looks at city issues in terms of their impacts on children and families.

Nasarenko’s campaign centered on improving city parks, restoring library services, and strengthening partnerships with the Ventura Unified School District. He also drew attention to the fact that Ventura has over 65 massage parlors, some of which have been linked to prostitution and other criminal activity.

“It’s not who we are as a city,” said Nasarenko, referring to the proliferation of massage parlors, particularly along Main Street in Midtown Ventura. “Increased enforcement and repealing a state law that limits Ventura’s ability to regulate the businesses will help to address the problem.”

He also called for the city to reform its charter, the document that governs Ventura’s municipal elections and was last updated nearly thirty years ago in 1986.

“Unlike every other city in Ventura County, we host our elections on odd years when voter attention is low,” said Nasarenko. “We need to consolidate our elections with the Presidential and Gubernatorial cycles. Not only will this increase voter participation, but it will also save money.”

Neal Andrews had this to say “I’d like to thank everyone who supported my re-election. I also want to congratulate the others who won, particularly Mr. Nasarenko for his strong showing as a new candidate.

“I think Ms. Brown and Mr. Francis ran a good race and should be commended on both their efforts and the quality of campaign they waged. All the candidates had something to offer and none would have been a poor choice for the city. We have opportunities for all of them to serve the city in some manner, and I hope they all stay available to help where they can.”

“I am disappointed with the turn-out this year, however. It was much lower than in my previous elections. In 2009 the voter turnout was over 36% and in 2005 it exceeded 56%. Why it was so much lower this year is unclear, but it may be a reflection of people’s disgust with the antics in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. Or perhaps it could simply be that most people saw no need for change at the local level. In any case the apparent consistent downward trend is a bad sign for the future, because it reflects a general disengagement from civic discourse and involvement in local governmental affairs. That is not good for any community. I

believe city government needs to work much harder to bring more of our people into the local community dialogue. That is one of the things I will work at over the next four years.”

Mayor (for the moment) Mike Tracy told us “It’s been my privilege to serve the people of Ventura for the last four years as Deputy Mayor and Mayor. Last Tuesday the voters gave me another term on the city council, and I want to thank everyone who expressed their confidence in me through the ballot box. I am looking forward to working with a new council to tackle the many challenges facing our community.

“Looking ahead, I anticipate engaging the community on several important issues. I’m almost certain we will be evaluating our city charter to consider, among other things, term limits, council compensation, and ways to improve voter turnout for council elections.

“The current council has recognized the importance of linking our future development opportunities to our limited water resources. That will be a major issue over the next 4 years and the newly elected council will be charged with adopting standards and guidelines to regulate this issue.

“We will continue to focus on economic development, public safety, and infrastructure. I’m hopeful that our work on developing the area around the Ventura Auto Center will come to fruition as a site to attract destination retail, providing necessary sales tax revenues for city services.

“We will be challenged to keep our community safe and our infrastructure sound, and that will inevitably require a solid economic base and adequate tax revenues to provide these and other services like libraries and parks.

“I hope the new council will engage the community to consider measures that benefit other Ventura County cities, like sales tax enhancements, better funding for existing special districts like street lighting, and creation of other special districts for services like street maintenance and libraries.

“Finally, I anticipate a review of our general plan to make some ‘tweaks’; some minor modifications that will move the plan forward with real progress and positive, predictable results.

“I honestly believe the best days for Ventura are ahead. Working together – elected officials and city staff and the entire community – we can make Ventura an even better place to live work, and visit. I look forward to working with all of you to make that happen.”

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Breeze:

Regarding downtown I think the bottom line is how can efforts of all concerned deliver more customers to downtown. There are many ways to do this and all have pluses and minuses. I suggest "borrowing" ideas from other old town/downtown areas...The concept

Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ I would like to congratulate Mike Tracy, Neal Andrews and Jim Monahan for being re-elected to the city council and Erik Nasarenko for being elected the first time he has run, especially with the highest amount of votes.

I also want to congratulate Richard Francis and Lorrie Brown for running their good campaigns and both being less than 200 votes away from being on the city council. And all of the other candidates for giving of their time, hopefully they will be back next election time.

But I don't think that the incumbents should take this as a strong approval of the city council from Ventura voters. The percentage of their votes went from 13.98% to 12.62% of those voting and the 5th and 6th place candidates garnered 12.26% and 12.2% of voters (not a huge difference).

Reaching out to their constituents in a more personal manner might get more involved and interested in our city government and the council.

And I have changed my mind about having our elections on the off year. When a council member can be elected with less than 10% (5,874 votes) of our almost 64,000 registered voters it is just not working very well.

Now, if procedure follows what has been happening 30 minutes after Erik becomes a council member the council will make him the deputy mayor (for political reasons) just as they did for Cheryl and next election he will become the mayor, just another reason that I think that we should have an elected mayor (nothing against him or her).

■ San Diego has become just another city that has ended the use of cameras

to catch motorists running red lights calling them "the San Diego version of a traffic trap".

Hopefully they may be on the way out throughout California. Perhaps this is a good issue for our "new" city council to deal with. How many rear end accidents have there been when people slam on their brakes in order to not get a ticket? Come to think about it, I got one of those turning into the mall.

■ I love to find real strange instructions on products. The drink Ensure has on their label "not to be sold in Vietnam or Mexico". Good grief, what



If the homeless can't live in the river bottoms and we don't want them on our streets then we had better find a place for them to live.

can Vietnam and Mexico possibly have in common that the drink can't be sold there?

■ Only a politician could think that raising the parking fee from \$5.00 to \$10 to park at the San Buenaventura State Beach would double the income. This is like a fast food restaurant raising a number 4 from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and thinking that they would make more money.

■ Barbara Asbell, representing the Anastasi project at the intersection of Harbor Boulevard and Seaward Avenue, reported that the project is still seeking City approval after the scope of the project was revised. The city changed

some criteria requiring that Anastasi go back to the drawing board, which they have done by hiring a new architect. The current scope of the proposed project will include 80 to 100 residential units. She stated that they are projecting it will be 2 to 2 1/2 years before construction will begin (good grief projects take a ridiculous amount of time in Ventura, no wonder developers give up and go elsewhere).

■ Those that think the solution to the "homeless" hanging out in Ventura is just a matter of the police doing something about it just don't get it.

Recently a federal judge ruled that an Arizona law that makes it a crime to beg for money or food in public is unconstitutional because it goes too far. This was in response to a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona against the city of Flagstaff.

In overturning the law, U.S. District Judge Neil V. Wake said it violated free-speech rights guaranteed by the U.S. and state constitutions.

Peaceful begging is generally described as holding a sign or asking for money or food but Flagstaff's very aggressive stance reflected a national trend by municipalities trying to prevent panhandling and control the movements of the homeless that goes way beyond this.

Courts nationwide have ruled that laws against aggressive panhandling and harassment are constitutional but have found that peaceful begging is protected by the Constitution. And having police decide when begging is peaceful or aggressive becomes very difficult.

Some citizens feel that the simple asking of money is being very aggressive.

■ "Our water rates are too high" - "I'm concerned that we will run out of water". Is this you? If it is then attend the Ventura Water Rate Advisory Committee meeting on Nov. 25. See the ad in this issue for all of the details.

Mailbox

of old town/downtown charm, and creation of a destination marketing strategy, has grown tremendously in the past 20 years. We do not have to start from scratch. We have the location, physical layout, capacity, and diversity to be a real success. It seems to me that we (and I include the City, DVO/DVP, VCB, et.al.) need to focus on development and implementation of a coordinated economic development strategy sooner rather than later. Even if we try something that does not work, we learn from it, and improve
Jim Ludwig

Good morning Sheldon!

On behalf of the Ferro & Peterson family, we'd all like to thank you for putting our beloved newest family member Molly in the latest edition of The Breeze. Copies of The Breeze have been sent up & down the coast of California. Love the fact that The Breeze is informative but also has a personal touch. Here's to the continued success of The Breeze!!!
Sincerely,
Susan Ferro

Governor:

Just read your opinion for Oct. 30th as it relates to changing the City Charter and other thoughts. You are totally CORRECT.... GREAT job. We are now at a turning point in Ventura

County... One third of our citizens are old/seniors., one third are baby boomers like me and will retire in 6 years, and 1/3rd are generation X and Y and really don't care about anything except themselves, their cars, their parties on weekends, cannot afford to live in the county, and have 000000 saved up in the bank. Your ideas were perfect, term limits, pay raises, a separate Mayor position and NO pensions... Let them all work and save off of a 401K program like the rest of us working stiffs... take care.
Chris Dryden

Chris:

Thanks for the kind words except I didn't say anything about pensions, but they are absurd.

Sheldon

Breeze:

Regarding an article in a local paper regarding food trucks being good for downtown Ventura I do not agree with this at all. Nobody comes downtown to visit food trucks. They take business from existing tenants without the corresponding tax and investment that the downtown property owners have made.

I am not saying that they should be forbidden, but used for special events

only and then taxed.

Dan Frederickson
Sixty California Bldg

Breeze:

Let's not get side tracked by the start-up problems of the ACC (Affordable Care Act).

For starters:

- 1) people with "pre-existing conditions" can finally get health care insurance
- 2) students can stay on their parents insurance plan until age 26
- 3) poor working people can get subsidies so they also have health insurance which includes preventive care
- 4) people will no longer be at risk for medical bankruptcy because they are either not insured or have reached the ceiling of their plan
- 5) insurance companies are now limited to "only" 20% overhead costs - Medicare has only 5% overhead costs, etc.

The facts are that the USA spends almost 18% of its' GNP (Gross National Product) on health care compared to 9-12% in other countries and we die 3 years earlier.

The Affordable Care Act didn't go far enough! It should be Medicare for all; a

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Why not go out on a limb? That's where the fruit is.

- Mark Twain



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Community Events



Heart & Soul Benefit Concert

by Pam Baumgardner

The music community is coming together to help a woman who has been the heart and soul of the Ventura music scene for many years, Polly Hoganson. Polly and her husband Steve were pivotal in helping so many artists launch their careers, giving them a safe place to play as well as bringing national acts to our town. Now Polly needs our help. There will be a benefit concert on November 24, at Bombay Bar and Grill, 143 S California St., from 3:00 pm to midnight. The benefit will help with medical expenses and recovery for a much needed operation.

At press time these are the artists schedule to perform: The White Buffalo, Timmy Curran, Meiko, Shane Alexander, Todd Hannigan, Lee Koch, Guy Martin, Tommy Marsh, 50 Sticks of Dynamite, Ray Jaurique & the Uptown Boys, Kyle Hunt, Jade Hendrix, Justine Bennett, Jamie Drake, Shelby Figueroa, Pi Jacobs, Nathan McEuen, Xoc Moraza and Roger Keiaho and more!

This will be a full night of amazing music for someone who has helped launch and nurture the careers of so many musicians. Tickets will be available at the door \$15 from 3-6pm; after 6pm \$20. Also scheduled is a raffle/silent auction.

Ventura Harbor Village invites you to get in the swing

With the holidays right around the corner, Ventura Harbor Village and Ventura Harbor are inviting visitors to get in the swing in celebration of the holidays ahead with the debut of its Wine, Dine & Jazz Sundays at 3 art galleries and 10 seaside restaurant venues on November 17, 24 from Noon – 3 p.m.

An ideal Sunday getaway to enjoy fall Sundays with live jazz performances, accompanied by wine and dine specials, (at a nominal cost) tastings (at a nominal cost and some by donation) and wine flights (at a nominal cost). To accompany savory appetizers, entrees and dessert and wines from California, Greece, France, Italy, and Chile will be featured on restaurant menus. Performers include the Jon Stanger duo, Toni Jannotta duo and Justin Claveria trio.

Participating restaurants will offer wine flights, tastings, and pairings, and include 805 Bar & Grilled Cheese, Andria's Seafood Restaurant & Market, Le Petit Café & Bakery, Margarita Villa

Mexican Restaurant, Milano's Italian Restaurant, Spinnaker Steak & Seafood Broiler, Rhumb Line Restaurant, and The Greek at the Harbor, all overlooking the boats on the water. Three art galleries will also offer wine tastings, including Harborside Village Gallery & Artisan Store, Tina O'Brien Gallery & Studio and Ventura County Potter's Guild.

As part of the festivities, visitors can wander seaside boutiques and art galleries listen to live jazz, partake in wine tastings, purchase wine, and enjoy a complimentary comedy show at 7 p.m. at Ventura Harbor Comedy Club.

Admission and parking are free for Wine, Dine & Jazz Sundays.

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. People of all ethnicities, education, incomes, personalities, and interests are welcome. No topic is off limits. There is only one rule that applies to the Conversation Group: don't lecture and don't bore.

Nov. 17: Channel Cities Jazz Club at the Corinthian Pacific Yacht Club, in Oxnard **every 3rd Sunday**. The Channel Cities Jazz Club announced this month's feature band will be Patti Kelly & The Men Of Note. Patti has performed not only in Jazz with over 20 popular bands, but also in the theatre and classical performances. She has performed at more than 150 venues in the LA area alone. She brings with her a group of outstanding all-star musicians.

Nov. 17: The Museum of Ventura County will host its third annual **Holiday Boutique** on Sunday, from 1 – 4 p.m. Visitors can meet and chat with local artists, artisans, and authors while viewing and buying their creations. The gift boutique will feature paintings and prints, glass art, pottery, jewelry, fabric art, books and more! Come shop locally for the holidays!

Those interested in renting a space to sell their work may call 653-0323 ext. 319 or email museumstore@venturamuuseum.org. Space is based upon availability.

Nov. 18: The California Zeta Chi Unit of the National Association of Parliamentarians will meet at 7p.m. Monday, in the Topping Room of the E. P. Foster Library. Their goals are to encourage their members and the general public to learn the principles and practice of democratic decision-making and help teachers instruct people of all ages. Registered Parliamentarian, Peggy O'Brien Brown, will present a **lesson on Disciplinary Procedures**. For more information call Zeta Chi President, Sandra Sanders at 643-5928.

Nov. 19: The Ventura Executive Suites is presenting a **business networking event** the Styles of 805 on Tuesday from 5p.m. to 7p.m. Handsome models will be modeling clothes from some of the most stylish and original shops in the 805 area. There will also be yummy appetizers to taste and beverages to sip all provided by local restaurants. Also, a spectacular drawing will be held with over 14 prizes to be given away! These door prizes are from some of the

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best local retail shops, restaurants, bars, barshops and health and beauty businesses in the area. The Ventura Executive Suites is located at 701 E. Santa Clara and can be reached at 653-2381.

Nov. 21: The Ventura County Rose Society will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday at the Ventura County Office of Education Conference Center at 5100 Adolfo Rd., Camarillo.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for **advice from Consulting Rosarians** and refreshments, a little rose show at 7p.m. and their speaker presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome to VCRS meetings. For more information contact Janet Sklar at 818-337-9970 or Dawn-Marie Johnson at 805-523-9003. <http://www.venturarose.org/>

Nov. 23: Elmhurst Elementary School PTA is hosting a **rummage sale**, Saturday from 9a.m to 1p.m. Proceeds benefit the 5th Grade Outdoor Ed camp fund and will help send their 5th graders to Science Camp in January. Rummage sale takes place in the Elmhurst Cafeteria located at 5080 Elmhurst St.

Nov. 29, 30; Dec. 1, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15: Come celebrate the spirit of holidays past at the historic Dudley House. The 20th year of this **annual fundraiser** for the museum features quality crafts, home décor, antiques and collectibles and a tearoom with refreshments, silent auction and bargain items. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a flea market added on Sundays. Located on the corner of Loma Vista and Ashwood, admission is free. Call 642-3345 for information.

Dec. 6: Friday, December 6th., 8:00-10:30 pm. **Holiday Swing Big Band Dance.** 18-piece Ventura Jazz Orchestra. Open to the public, \$15 at the door. Poinsettia Pavilion Ballroom, 3451 Foothill Road, Ventura, CA

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Ojai events

Tuesday, **November 19**, 6:00 – 8pm at the **Ojai Library**; 111 E. Ojai Ave. In a riveting memoir that spans the course of seven decades, **former U.S. Treasury Secretary W. Michael Blumenthal** documents his extraordinary life amidst the heights and depths of the 20th century. As an observer and participant of some of the century's milestone events, Blumenthal tells the story of those influential political affairs that played a part in shaping the 20th century through the lens of both history and his own remarkable experience. W. Michael Blumenthal was the 64th United States Secretary of the Treasury in the Carter administration from 1977 to 1979. He was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Bendix, and later Burroughs (later Unisys).

Alan Thornhill, award winning guitarist, singer and songwriter will be playing at OVA arts for **3rd Friday in Ojai** on **November 15th** from 6-8. Celebrate happy hour with a glass of wine, a bit of food and some great music. OVA arts is located at 108 N. Signal St. and the event is free!

Spend a day giving thanks for all the blessings in your life and open your heart to even greater abundance—to receive and to share. Rev. Karen S. Wylie, former spiritual director at Symphony of Life Spiritual Center, will conduct a **day of meditation, grace, and gratitude at Meditation Mount**, on Saturday, **Nov. 23**, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Participants should bring their own

lunch and eat together on the patio. Beverages will be provided.

The retreat is open to people of all faiths and the cost is \$35. Meditation Mount is located at 10340 Reeves Road. For more information, contact Rev. Karen at 310-968-8928, or register online at www.karensywylie.com.

Fresh Roasted Concerts will present internationally acclaimed singer/songwriter, **Julia Fordham and her band** on Sat., **Nov. 16** at 7:30 pm at Matilija Auditorium at 703 El Paseo Rd. Fordham is an extraordinary singer with an incredible vocal range and will be performing songs from her latest recording, *Under the Rainbow* along with favorites from her expansive repertoire. The music crosses many boundaries, part jazz, pop, folk and the songs are delivered in a passionate and moving manner. Don't miss this incredible concert featuring this one-of-a-kind singer. Tickets in advance are \$22 for adults, \$20 for seniors and \$5 more at the door. They are available at Ojai Coffee Roasting, by phone at 646-8907 or online at www.ptgo.org.

The **Ojai Photography Club** will screen *Outta My Light*, a brief documentary film about photographer Rondal Partridge (1917 -) at its **November 19** meeting. The program begins at 7pm, at Kent Hall, located at Help of Ojai's Little House, 111 Santa Ana St.

Produced by Dyanna Taylor, granddaughter of Dorothea Lange, and Elizabeth and Meg Partridge, Rondal Partridge's daughters, this film is an intimate portrait of Rondal crafted by his own family. The film documents Partridge in his home and studio environment as he shoots, develops and finds photographic inspiration in the most ordinary objects. Visit <http://www.rondalpartridge.com/> for additional biography and images. The Ojai Photography Club meets on the third Tuesday of each month, February through November. Only members may submit images for critique. For additional information please visit: <http://ojaiphoto.club.com/>

These screenings are at 4:30 pm at the Ojai Playhouse.

On Sun., **Nov. 17** the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Still Mine*, a feel-good film based on a true story starring James Cromwell and Genevieve Bujold as an older couple who confront a formidable bureaucracy when they decide to build a new house for themselves.

On Sun., **Nov. 24** the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *In the House*, a French-made suspense about a teen who insinuates himself into the home of a fellow student and writes about it in essays for his literature teacher who gets increasingly drawn in to the evolving story. The talented cast includes veteran actors Kristin Scott Thomas and Fabrice Luchini.

Galerie102, located at 102 W. Matilija St., opens on Saturday, **November 16th** with its inaugural exhibition, *We are One, We are Many*, featuring Devin Oatway paintings and Jon Rajkovich sculpture. Artist's reception will be held on the same day from 5 – 8 p.m.

"Ojai has always been an artist's town, and it's becoming even more so with this gallery," says Gallery Director Jolene Lloyd. Exhibit dates are Nov. 16 through Dec. 29, hours are Thurs. through Sat., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is located at 102 E. Matilija St., in downtown. Call 640-0151 or visit galerie102.com for more information.

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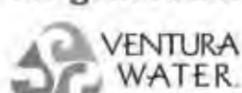
The study is the basis for Ventura's water and wastewater rates and provides a sustainable framework for updating Ventura's aging infrastructure systems. Residents are encouraged to attend this public meeting and be a part of Ventura's water future.

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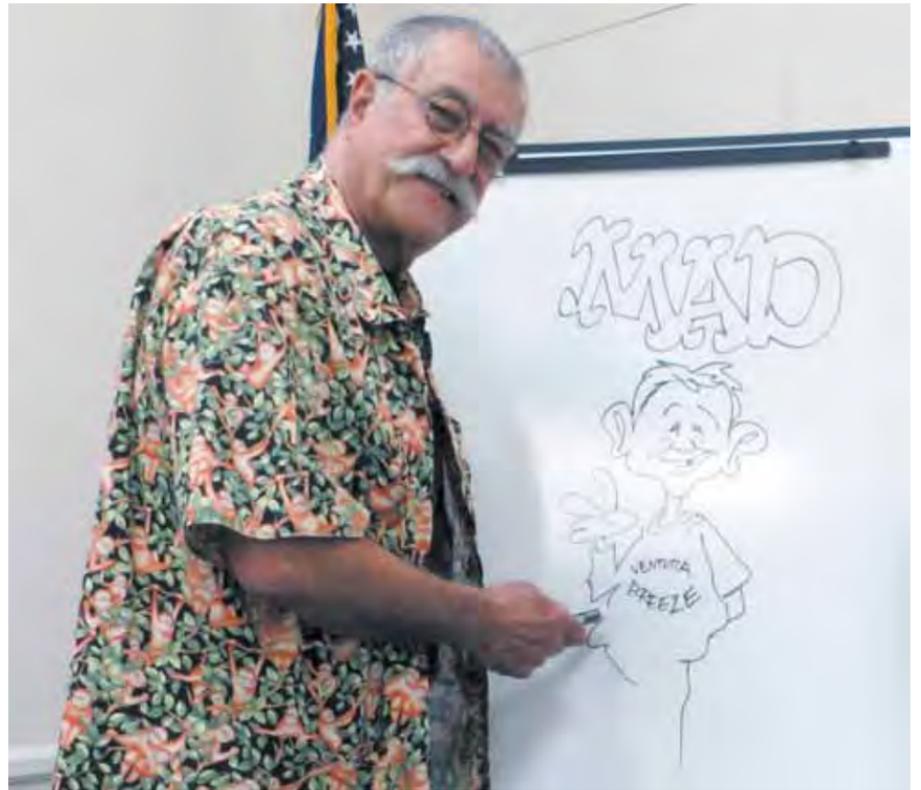
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News and Notes



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Comic-Con comes to Foster Library

by Tim Pompey

Comic-Con finally made it to Ventura. Held on Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27, at E.P. Foster Library, the event was much smaller and a little less fancy, but filled with the same characters and generating a similar buzz as the big event in San Diego.

Coordinated by library technician Heather Seaton, it was inspired not only by the big Comic-Con, but by her own appreciation for the genre in all its varied forms. "My love of comic books started in my teens," she said, "when I started reading things like Amethyst, a sci-fi fantasy about people who lived in the gem world."

But the idea to have a library sponsored comic book convention actually came from a newsletter published by major book distributor Diamond Books. Seaton read about it and decided to submit a funding proposal to Ventura County Library director Jackie Griffin. Griffin approved the idea and Seaton was off and running.

The two-day event included making candy sushi, drawing airbrush tattoos, sponsoring a costume contest, and of course, inviting lots of guests who actually draw and publish comics.

One of those guests was noted cartoonist and local Ojai resident Sergio Aragonés, who has drawn for Mad Magazine since the early 1960s. Aragonés was the keynote speaker on Saturday evening.

Aragones has been drawing cartoons since he was in high school in the mid 1950s. Starting as a cartoonist in 1962, he eventually worked his way into the comic book format, writing for such publications as D.C. comics, his stories include House of Mystery, the Jerry Lewis comics, The Witching House, and Batlash.

Why are comics so appealing today? Aragonés admits that the interest in comics has changed due in large part to the advancement of major media technologies. "Nowadays it's the relationship with the movies," he said. "Initially, the reason that the superhero succeeded in the comics was because movies and TV could not do the characters. But once technology entered, superheroes became the mainstream for the media."

Seaton, who, as part of her library responsibilities, makes purchase recommendations for graphic novels, admits that one

of her motives for sponsoring this convention is pretty simple. She wants to encourage young people to pick up anything that has words and a story attached. "The idea is to get them to read," she said.

She views comics as a gateway into the literary world, especially for those who might not want to read a book. "I know that for many people who don't like to read regular books, sometimes comics and graphic novels are entryways into other things."

But she would also like to help generate a little respect for the oft spurned comic. "People should understand that comics and graphic novels are real literature rather than just entertainment," she explained.

Like Aragonés, she knows that movies have influenced the interest in comic book superheroes. But as long as it inspires people to discover the comic book genre, she doesn't mind. "I always believe that the book is better than the movie," she stated, "but if going to the movie leads them to read the comic book, that's fine with me, as long as it's leading them to read."

A Fairgrounds Christmas accepting vendor applications

The Ventura County Fairgrounds is accepting vendor applications for the Christmas Boutique in the second A Fairgrounds Christmas. Vendors who sell gifts, ornaments, jewelry, packaged foods, toys and clothing are invited to apply. Deadline for applications is Monday, November 18.

The rain-or-shine indoor event, slated for Saturday, December 14 from 9am – 5pm will include Santa Claus with photo opportunities, Christmas Boutique, Children's Activities, Christmas Music, Santa's Fun Zone and a lot more.

Applications for vendor booths are available at www.venturacountyfair.org or 648-3376.



Senior Living

Pull Out Section



Help make Thanksgiving cards for seniors.

Make a Card Touch a Heart

Ventura Rotaract is hosting their second "Make a Card, Touch a Heart" event on November 18th 6:30-7:30pm at the Wedgewood Banquet Center.

Volunteers of all ages are invited to help make Thanksgiving cards for the seniors at a variety of senior centers around Ventura. Then they help Rotaract hand them out and share some stories with the Ventura seniors at some of the local senior living facilities. Bring friends and family to add to the fun. Pizza for everyone.

Ventura Rotaract is a group of young professionals looking to give back to the community through both international and local programs. Over the past 3 years they have helped build houses with both Habitats for Humanity in Ventura and Corazon in Mexico. Additionally they have helped refurbish 2 schools in Nicaragua and are planning a community 5K in June at the harbor. Stop by to see how you can get involved or find more information at www.VenturaRotaract.com.

SCAN Health Education Center offering senior classes

Free, quick and confidential memory screenings will be offered on Tue., Nov. 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the SCAN Health Education Center. The screenings are sponsored by SCAN Health Plan and Ventura County Public Health Nursing in observance of National Memory Screening Day.

"Proper memory screening is the first step in proper detection and treatment of memory problems," said Steve Lehman, manager of the SCAN Health Education Center. The Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) encourages adults – including those with memory concerns, a family history of Alzheimer's disease, or a desire to establish a baseline score – to take advantage of the screenings and to pick up educational materials about memory concerns, successful aging and caregiving.

National Memory Screening Day is an annual initiative of the AFA designed to improve overall health maintenance and promote proper detection of

memory problems. This quick test takes about 20 minutes and is offered at no cost. Appointments are required, and space is limited. To make a reservation call 658-0365, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. TTY/TDD users may call 711.

An advance healthcare directive states your wishes for healthcare and designates a spokesperson for you if you are no longer able to make decisions due to illness or incapacity. Seniors and their family members interested in learning more about advance healthcare directives are invited to attend an interactive workshop on Thur., Nov. 21, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the SCAN Health Education Center.

The workshop will cover the process of making decisions regarding healthcare and guide participants through the Five Wishes California healthcare directive.

"We encourage participants to have important conversations about their healthcare wishes," said Steve Lehman, manager of the SCAN Health Education Center. "Making decisions early can give both you and your family the gift of peace of mind by planning ahead."

Course instructor Teri Helton, R.N., is facilitating advanced care-planning workshops for physicians, healthcare

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Senior Living

Remembering Nanci Cone – a few final thoughts

soul who gave everyone the very best she had always.
Suz Montgomery

What a tragic loss the passing of Nanci is and gives pause for everyone to reflect. It is only a special person whose passing makes people do just that.
Johanna Spinks

As an avid reader of The Breeze, I was always impressed with the depth and comprehensive information provided by Nanci Cone. She will be missed on many levels.
Esther Cole

Oh no! So sorry to hear this! Nanci's loss will be felt throughout the community.
Georgeanne Lees

It was a truly sad day to learn of the passing of my friend Nanci Cone last month. My deepest sympathies to her husband Fred and her family.

It was a real honor to know Nanci. She worked so hard for our senior community in her later years and with the community and needy individuals in general long before that. Her words of encouragement have stayed with me for many years and through many difficult times in my life.

We will sincerely miss our good friend Nanci.
Lilyan Barrett

May her memory be eternal. She represented our great city well in her writings.
Lynn Mikelatos

Very sorry to hear this. I would see her at Music Under The Stars every Saturday, always in good spirits. Thoughts are with her family. Terrible loss for the community.
Tom Spence KVTA

I was so sorry to hear the news about Nanci. What a loss to the Breeze, the community, her family and her legions of friends.
Nancy Gregg

I am stunned. Completely stunned. I have known Nanci since the days when we both worked for the City. She was such a beautiful spirit. Truly community minded and sincere. I am heartbroken.
Donna Granata

I can't believe it. What a tragic loss to Fred and the family. A beautiful loving

Free memory screenings and Dementia 101 to be held at Cypress

The public is invited to Cypress Place Senior Living from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 19th for National Memory Screening Day in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

According to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, memory screenings make sense for anyone concerned about memory loss or experiencing warning signs of dementia; whose family and friends have noticed changes in them; or who believe they are at risk due to a family history of Alzheimer's disease or a related illness.

Screenings also are appropriate for anyone who does not have a concern right now, but who wants to see how their memory is now and for future comparisons.

The confidential screenings are free and are open to the public. Please call 650-8000 for more information or to schedule your free 15 minute screening appointment.

The Braille Institute Low Vision Solutions team will also be at the community event that day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to provide information on assistive devices for low vision individuals.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America to provide these free screenings to the community," said Mike Macke, one of the marketing directors at Cypress Place. "We are always looking for ways to reach out and help in the community."

Then on Saturday November 23, join Cypress Place Senior Living to learn the basics about dementia. Guest speaker for

the seminar will be Rosemary Gordon, Alzheimer's Association Regional Director.

A variety of important topics regarding dementia will be covered including: who can get it, how they get it, and what to expect.

If you or someone you know is experiencing memory loss or behavioral changes, it's time to learn the facts. Early detection of Alzheimer's disease gives you a chance to begin drug therapy, enroll in clinical studies and plan for the future.

The free seminar takes place from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

Cypress Place Senior Living is a premiere senior community in Ventura County. The beautiful senior living campus features an Active Senior Living community and adjacent Assisted Living and Alzheimer's/Dementia Care community connected by a lushly landscaped courtyard.

For more information or to RSVP, please call 650-8000.

A time to reflect on hospice and palliative care

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month; a time to reflect and reach out to our community and raise awareness about this special kind of care.

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If you or a loved one are facing a serious or life-limiting illness, the time to find out about hospice and palliative care is right now. Contact Livingston Hospice at 642-1608 and/or visit them livingstonvna.org.

SCAN Health Education Center

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providers and community members throughout Ventura County. Through her work as a hospice nurse and faith community nurse, she recognizes the importance of open, honest communication and planning for end of life.

Seniors may take this class at no cost; however, seating is limited, and reservations are required. To register call 658-0365, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. TTY/TDD users may call 711.

SCAN Health Education Center is located at 6633 Telephone Road, Suite 100.

A very short restaurant review

by Sheldon Brown

Because the Thai Stars restaurant has an ad in the Breeze to buy two and get a third free offer Diane and I decided to check it out. And this good review is not because they are advertising with us.

Located at 2950 Johnson (the small eating court located across from the old movie theaters) a little out of the way for us but very well worth the ride (we Venturans are so spoiled about distances).

We ordered two of their \$6.98 lunch specials and got three. The lunch included a very nice soup, salad, spring rolls and a choice of 25 (yes 25!) entrees. And the food was outstanding with huge proportions.

Their menu includes appetizers, soups, salads, curries, an assortment of rices, noodles and entrees all with choice of beef, pork, tofu, vegetables, shrimp, calamari, salmon, scallops or seafood.

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Health



Jeffrey Dyer, Sherilyn Wheaton, Jennifer Hughes and J. Michael Diaz have joined Primary Medical.

Medical group welcomes new physicians and physician assistant

Primary Medical, which has served Ventura County patients since 1994, is pleased to welcome three new physicians and a physician assistant to the practice.

Jennifer Hughes, DO, is a board-certified Pediatrician with a focus on holistic wellness who works at 2593 Telegraph Road. She believes strongly in educating families about infant nutrition and breast-feeding. She is a breast-feeding specialist and is studying to become an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant.

Jeffrey Dyer, MD, is a board-certified Family Practice physician working at 2593 Telegraph Road. Dr. Dyer served in the United States Navy until 2002 and then began practicing in Ventura County. He previously worked with the Ventura County Medical Center Family Medicine Residency program and at the Fillmore Family Medical Center.

Sherilyn Wheaton, MD, is a board-certified Family Practice physician. She holds a Masters in Public Health and she is fluent in Spanish. She works at 10885 Telegraph Road. Dr. Wheaton previously worked in the Urgent Care at the West

Ventura Medical Clinic for several years and was the Medical Director of Ventura County Healthcare for the Homeless.

J. Michael Diaz, PA-C is the new physician assistant who will staff Primary Medical's two new offices opening this fall: 2772 Johnson Drive in Ventura and 1751 Lombard Street in Oxnard. He is a former paramedic who graduated from USC's Physician Assistant Program in 1986 and has been helping Ventura County patients since 1990.

Primary Medical welcomes new patients at all office locations, including those insured with Commercial and Senior HMO plans, PPOs and Medicare.

Specializing in Family Practice, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Primary Medical's 13 physicians, 6 nurse practitioners and new physician's assistant are available to help patients at five offices in Ventura and Oxnard: 10885 Telegraph Road; 3555 Loma Vista Road, #110; 2953 Telegraph Road, 2772 Johnson Drive and 1751 Lombard Street in Oxnard. Visit www.primarymedical.net for additional information.

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Help for the bereaved

Livingston Hospice conducts several adult bereavement support groups to help those who have experienced a loss. Explore and express feeling, understand the grief process and receive emotional support. Open to the public, free of charge, all are welcome. In Ventura the groups are held at Livingston Memorial VNA, 1996 Eastman Ave. (#112), every Wednesday (Nov. 13, 20, 27); from 6:30 - 8:00

For the newly bereaved on second Thursday of the month. Call 642-1608 for more information.

Now on its 6th year, the fast and fun 5K starts at 8 a.m. For the 12 and under crowd, there's the free kids' 1K which starts at 9 a.m.

Sign up now and get a finisher's shirt, electronic chip timing and post-race food with your \$25.00 registration. The fee goes up to \$30.00 from November 1 to 15, \$35.00 from Nov. 16 to 26 and \$40.00 on race morning.

Proceeds from the Ventura Turkey Trot will benefit The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Ventura. In addition, participants are being asked to bring canned goods to support Food Share.

For more information or to sign up, please visit www.venturaturkeytrot.com.

Sports

Annual Ventura Turkey Trot

Before you gobble, gobble, get out and run Ventura County's fastest 5K on Thanksgiving morning! Just head to the Ventura Auto Center, 6451 Auto Center Drive, on Thursday, Nov. 28.



Still graffiti free.

News and Notes



Gary Best and Tom Mueller are Co-Directors of the Improv. Photo by Barbie Lange.

But seriously, folks...

by Es Cole

Improv, short for improvisation. Spontaneity. Wit. Puns. Requiring brains that are quick, and egos that are mellow.

Meet Gary Best. Twenty-some years ago, Gary walked into an acting class and met Tom Mueller, both aspiring actors and entertainers. They and a few more community-minded folk formed the Ventura Improv Company.

Ventura Improv is self-supporting, volunteer staffed, producer of weekly laughter, at a price that's competitive with walk-in movies.

Improv grew out of Theatre Sports. Theatre Sports is a competitive form of improv performance where two teams enact scenes, such as flashbacks or in gibberish. The teams are awarded points by a panel of judges. The judges end boring performances by blowing bicycle horns. An Englishman from Calgary, Keith Johnstone, came up with the concept, and these days, there are TS leagues around the world.

Ventura Improv Company is just that – improvisational performance – the only improv company in our fair city. Currently, the group gathered by Gary and Tom ranges from 20 to 40 folk, high schoolers to retirees. Talent is important, as are personalities and temperaments. There is no script. Some Ideas are solicited from the audience and are played with. The improvers perform 'in the moment.' There is no star or lead actor – all are equal. Audience and performers become joint conspirators. The result is entertainment – laughter unstopped.

Our town, Ventura, lends a particular atmosphere to this group. Visitors – both audience and improvers from other cities have remarked about the laid back, welcoming feeling that abounds here.

Ventura Improv celebrates its silver anniversary next year. Special events will be scheduled throughout the year.

We know laughter is a cure-all. Feeling low? Get ye down to the Ventura Improv Company on any weekend.

CAPS Chat

Falling into Autumn

By Elizabeth Rodeno

Elections have come and gone with a new council member elected and 3 incumbents reelected. We were happy to have provided live election returns for our viewers of both Channel 6 and 15, as well as providing the community with our renowned Video Voter series. We hope you watch and get informed during

the next election cycle.

The students of Balboa Middle School wrapped up their Lights, Camera, Action Career Camp here at CAPS. They loved it. This is our 5th session and the waiting list continues to grow. CAPS is pleased to be able to share our expertise with middle school students. There are a lot of budding filmmakers out there. We just began another Digital Storytelling program at De Anza Middle School with the ASES program. Their project is to produce a 30 second advertisement for a new product.

Ventura High School students have been filming portions of their Every 15 Minutes program to get ready for the big event. CAPS trained the VHS students to film and edit the event to be shown to the Ventura High School students later this year. They are a great group of committed students. Last year we supported Foothill High School with their program showing how every 15 minutes someone is killed due to alcohol and distracted driving. Statistics have shown that these programs help reduce the incidents of drunk driving accidents among teens. Take a look on the web to get more information about this great educational program funded through the national organization.

We have launched our sports program and will soon put our new production truck into service to cover sporting events throughout Ventura. We recently covered Girls Volleyball at Buena High playing their cross town rival Ventura High, with best of 5 games they took it down to the wire. Our crew and the Buena Vis Com students did a great job. We look forward to many more games and hope to see you there.

Do you have an important event that needs coverage or promotion? We have what it takes to promote, through bulletin boards and promos, and cover your event. We have some of the best talent around. Go to www.capstv.org and take a look. There are links to regular shows and to our Vimeo page with a full menu of programming. We give big thanks to our members, board members, the community and The Breeze for getting the word out about Ventura's "Best Kept Secret."

Don't fence me

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generally happy with the fence being constructed because it keeps a lot of foot traffic (and some homeless) off Vista Del Mar while some miss the people from mid-town walking their dogs, jogging, carrying surf boards and bicycling on their street.

Toy drive

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Disease) in September 2008. This disease has affected his hip, pelvis, spine, and his ribs. Corey and his sister Paige have collected toys previously for the Treatment Center and the last four Holiday Toy Drives had great success.

The following are the toy donation locations in Ventura

- Ventura Police Station
- Clubhouse Funzone
- The Luxe Baby
- Sea Things
- Cobalt Realty

They will be accepting donations until December 12th and can be contacted at dannycast@aol.com or visit castrofamilytoydrive.com.

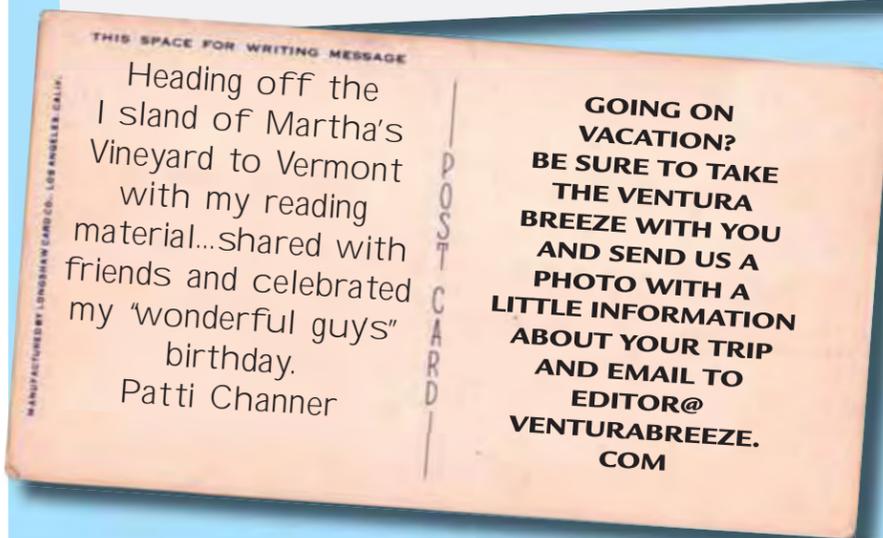
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■ The Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center (SPARC) is participating in a contest to win cash and prizes for their animals in Santa Paula. Voting is free and can be done daily between now and December 22. Every computer can vote every day, once a day and the shelters with the most votes at the end win the goodies. I am asking my friends and supporters to vote every day and to ask their friends and family to do the same. In the last contest period they won 50 dog beds and 100 vaccinations for their animals.

Go to www.shelterchallenge.com to vote.

■ The Ventura County Board of Supervisors has approved an ordinance (4-1) that would require dogs and cats older than 4 months to be spayed or neutered. This is intended to prevent puppy mill dog breeders and to reduce the number of homeless dogs and cats that might be euthanized.

Pet companions would receive a 60 day notice to spay or neuter their pets by the time they are 4 months old. Penalties would apply for non-compliance.

This ordinance only applies to the un-incorporated area of Ventura County so does apply here in Ventura. But I'm ready even if in Ventura.

■ The Hidden Costs of Owning a Pet.

America is a nation of pet lovers. About half the nation's households include a dog or a cat (we have both but I'm the boss), and they spend \$53 billion yearly on pet expenses, ranging from food to vet bills to toys.

Some go a bit overboard. A whopping \$370 million is spent on pet costumes yearly. But even more shocking is the toll our animals take on our electronics budget. American pets have bitten, chewed, licked, and otherwise damaged over eight million electronic devices, amounting to over \$3 billion in repair and replacement costs. Considering that one of every three devices damaged by pets is a Smartphone, this could mean up to \$800 in replacement costs whenever your animal runs amok (My human has a \$10 phone so I won't even eat it).

The risk of pet-related accidents increases the more pets are treated as family members. According to new research from SquareTrade, if you drive with your pet in your lap, you're over twice as likely to damage your device. And letting a pet sleep in bed with you triples your chances (But isn't it well worth to snuggle up to us?).

Meanwhile, giving your pet too much independence can also increase

risk. Two-thirds of pet-related accidents involving devices happened while the pet was unsupervised.

Accidental personalities:

Every furry friend comes with its own unique personality, and unique set of dangers.

For example, the SquareTrade study found that 21 percent of accidents happened while the owner was using the device.

A temperamental personality can also be a red flag. Seventeen percent of pet owners believe their animal friend damaged their device because it was angry with them (I only get mad when dinner is late).

And homes with different pet species are more susceptible to mishaps. Those with both a cat and dog are four times more likely to have accidents with electronics compared to homes with one or the other.

Fido protection:

Despite the growing popularity of pet insurance, many owners don't realize this kind of insurance doesn't cover damage caused by their pets. In fact, three out of four devices damaged were not covered by any kind of warranty.

While there's no sure way to prevent pet-related accidents, consumers can protect themselves by getting a protection plan. For example, SquareTrade Protection Plans cover against accidents, like a device getting batted off the kitchen counter, falling in a water bowl or finding its way into the wrong paws. They also cover mechanical and electrical issues, like antennae and Wi-Fi failure, a broken dock connector, or touch-screen failure.

More information is available at www.squaretrade.com, by visiting sites like Amazon and eBay, or in such stores as Costco and Sam's Club.

Pets all need exercise, training and attention from their owners. But they sometimes find inconvenient ways to show us.

■ It's about time that K9's got a partial pension at least. In the English county of Nottinghamshire (say that 3 times) K9 handlers will get paid as much as \$800 per year, for 3 years after retirement, to cover the vet bills for work-related injuries or illnesses.

■ *Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding for Dogs and Cabodogz would like to thank Sheldon Brown, The Ventura Breeze and Professor Scamp particularly, for all the space they so generously donate to help us help the homeless dogs! We also thank the Professor for all his doggie insight and words of wisdom about pets and responsible pet ownership. Be A Hero... Adopt A Shelter Pet Today!*

Forever homes wanted

Hi: I'm Elmo an affectionate and playful 4 1/2-year-old Cattle Dog/ Chow mix. I was originally rescued from Animal Reg and then adopted to what I thought was my forever home, but it wasn't meant to be. They are expecting a baby and little children scare me (maybe it's the crying). I'm an active dog who is good with larger dogs, but no small dogs or cats please. I've had formal training and know the basics. I enjoy quiet, consistent settings and bones filled with yummy treats. I hope it's not long before I'm a cherished member of a loving family.

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



I'm Estrellita, AKA as Little Star. My heart was broken when I was left by my human because I kept leaving her backyard. I was confined to that backyard my entire existence, so I started looking other places for attention and something to occupy my mundane life. Sadly, I'm a little afraid and have lost some confidence in this new place, but once outside of the kennel, the twinkle in my eyes lights up. I am

a sweet and loving 1 year 8-month-old Labra-Bull. I am looking for that special someone who will make me a part of their family. Come to VCAS, 600 Aviation Dr., Camarillo and meet me in person. Ask for Estrellita, A565166.

Hi: My name is Sketti like spaghetti. I am a young girl, maybe Chihuahua/Jack Russell/Dachshund mix. I was rescued by Cabodogz just last month. I am very sweet and athletic. I love to run and play ball! I am house trained and crate trained. I loove people and I like to hug when you pick me up. Call Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding for Dogs 643-3647 or come by 4692 Ventura Ave. to see me. Be A Hero... Adopt a Homeless Dog Today!



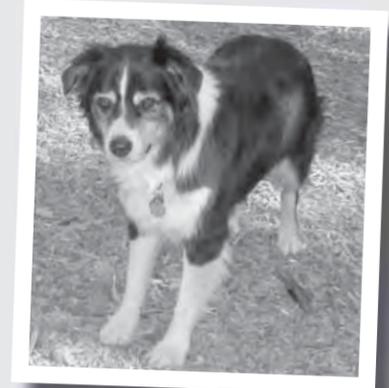
We are foster pups and have been looking for forever homes for a while now. Scrapy is a very shy 3-year-old who loves other dogs and is getting use to humans slowly. And Bella, well, no shyness for me. I am queen of the house and get my way most of the time. I chase birds and bark at strangers at the door, but I find it in my best interest to mind my human foster parents most of the time – they love me!

We have all our shots and are waiting for that special home. We would love to go together!

Contact our foster mom Karen Helen Szatkowski at 794-3574 and come meet us.

Scamp Club

Hi: I'm Beau, a tri-colored Aussie male, 7-year-old rescue dog (aren't I lucky?). I like to go for rides, hikes, walks (especially on the beach), road trips and hang with my humans.



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.



Mai Ling the Fairy Princess was the first place winner at the Howl-O-Ween Pooch Parade held at the Ventura Convalescent Hospital on Oct. 24. Assisted Home Health and Hospice co-sponsored the event, by paying for an ad in the Ventura Breeze, providing volunteers, pet-related prizes and inviting other nursing home residents and the community to come.

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 and Dangerous Parolee

On Wednesday, October 30th, at 10:30 p.m., an officer attempted to stop a parolee at large, Jonathan Sanchez, in the 300 block of West Ramona Street. Sanchez fled and other officers responded to assist. Sanchez was located hiding in a building in the area. Sanchez refused to obey officer's orders and a police K-9 was used to assist in his apprehension.

Sanchez was transported to VCMC for treatment for a K-9 bite and was then booked at the VC Jail.

Assault with Deadly Weapon

On Friday, November 1st, at 1:33 a.m., the VPD received a call in response to a stabbing victim in the 100 block of North Saticoy Avenue. Officers located the victim, Augustine Lara, lying on the sidewalk. Lara had sustained several stab wounds to the upper torso and was transported by ambulance to the VCMC.

Another victim, Brendon Sallee, was located a short distance away suffering from a head injury. Sallee was treated at the scene and later transported to the hospital as well.

Officers located a nearby residence where a Halloween party had taken place and determined that both victims had been in attendance at this party when a physical altercation erupted between numerous partygoers as they exited the residence.

Officers interviewed witnesses who were inside the residence when the fight and subsequent stabbing occurred however due to the intoxicated state of many of these individuals, the officers were unable to obtain accurate and consistent suspect information.

Two additional stabbing victims were being treated at VCMC. Officers contacted Matthew Guerrero and Anthony Fernandez. These victims advised that they too were in attendance at the party and were involved in separate altercations when they were stabbed.

The three stabbing victims and the battery victim were all listed in stable condition with non-life threatening injuries.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

10-24 9:48 a.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at the Ventura Harbor Community. Patrol

responded. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

10-25 10:00 a.m. In cooperation with P.D., Patrol removed an abandoned vessel from a dock at the Ventura Keys so it can be hauled and stored at the Ventura Yacht Yard until grant funds are available to destroy it.

10-27 3:05 p.m. Patrol received a report of a 16-foot sailboat capsized just outside the breakwater. Patrol responded. Upon arrival, the operator had righted the vessel. Patrol recovered some flotsam, returned it to the operator, and cleared.

11-1 3:10 p.m. A sailboat en route from Santa Barbara requested assistance into its slip because its engine was disabled. Patrol took the vessel into tow and released it at its slip at VIM.

7:00 p.m. USCG reports a boat on the rocks in Ventura Harbor. Partol located the vessel in the Main Channel and got it off the rocks with the assistance of Vessel Assist. The owner was given permission to moor at the launch ramp for two days.

11-2 1:56 a.m. FCC dispatched Patrol to a medical assist at the Ventura Harbor Community. The patient needed a lift assist and refused transportation to the hospital.

Mailbox

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single payer system would be much easier to implement as well as lower health care costs. Affluent people would always have the option to add a private policy to their Medicare policy.

Judith A. Beay

Dear Partners,

I am writing you concerning the situation in Ventura. Our Board meeting last Friday made things very clear. Even though we enjoyed another successful Garden Party, it is clear that the Thompson Blvd. location is no longer economically viable. Given the current situation, our options are limited. Therefore we have come to the decision to close our operations in this location and consolidate all Kingdom Center activities to our Oxnard facility.

We want to do everything we can to give proper notice to the owners and honor the terms of the lease. We must also direct our residents towards affordable options. To be sure, it is our heart and commitment to continue our ministry to these residents that need more time to transition, and we will do everything we can to stay with them through this transition. One of the possible options available to us is to move as many residents as feasible to The Kingdom Center Oxnard. In the meantime, we are still greatly in need of your financial support in the way of church support and general donations.

During a meeting with the Ventura staff today, we agreed that this is not about us, it's about the residents. We are prepared to serve in any way necessary to accommodate this transition for them. We ask for your continued support, especially

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in these times. The Ministry of Kingdom Center lives on and now in this transition your financial support helps us continue to care for the residents we serve.

We realize that the need is great, and that a Ventura location is very much needed. To that end, we will continue to seek a solution for the donation or purchase of a facility in Ventura.

I'm sure you will have questions. Feel free to respond to this email at sam.

gallucci@theharbor.us or call me and I will make every attempt to address your concern in a timely manner.

Most importantly, please pray as we make this transition. Many lives will be affected. Pray that a new Ventura facility can soon be found . . . new jobs secured. And pray too that even in this situation, our Lord is glorified.

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Trash & Recycling or Green Waste Pick Up Delay Due to the Thanksgiving Day Holiday

Trash & recyclables or green waste will be collected one day later than usual in the city of Ventura for customers who have their refuse collected on Thursdays and Fridays the week of Thanksgiving, Nov. 24-30. The holiday will not affect Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday pickup schedules. The collection of trash and green waste will not be affected in the City of Ojai. Monday, Nov. 25 will remain the regular collection day that week in Ojai.

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Show Time

Ventura's Music Scene

Around Town

by Pam Baumgardner
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Sunday afternoons at the Ventura Harbor just got better for the month of November with "Wine, Dine and Jazz". Every Sunday, noon to 3:00, live jazz can be heard on the Village Carousel Stage. Participating venues will offer up wine and food specials while patrons get to enjoy jazz out on the grass. Still to come are the Toni Jannotta Jazz Duo on 11/17, and Justin Claveria Jazz Trio on 11/24.

Rockabilly legend, Wanda Jackson, and a psychobilly band from Denmark, Nekormantix, hit the Majestic Ventura Theater on November 24 with local bands supporting the bill including Hard Six who have been called, "the ultimate party band" by members of the Dead Kennedys and have collectively opened for such acts as The Black Eyed Peas, Sponge and Veruca Salt. Also supporting the bill are Radio Threat, The Graveyard Kings and The Cursed Bastards.

After their amazing debut performance at Squashed Grapes, Jazz Punks will be returning to Ventura for a show at Amigos on Friday, November 15. You got to trust me on this, they are off the hook!!! Don't miss it. And as always, no cover at Amigos on Main, but you'll want to bring some extra cash for dinner/drinks and to get your own Jazz Punks CD and t-shirt.

The 13th annual 4Kids2Kids Toy Run and BBQ will be held on Nov 23rd at The House of Magic. Grand Marshals are Nick St. Nicolas (Steppenwolf) and Mickey Jones (drummer for Trini Lopez, Johnny Rivers, Dylan). Local musicians will be dropping by all day for Nick St. Nicolas all-star band. See www.VenturaRocks.com for more information and flyer.

The Winter Wine Walk is one of those annual events where they shut down portions of downtown Ventura and the town really comes out to mingle with family and friends while visiting participating venues. Snow will be falling on Main Street and music will be provided by Orlando Napier, The British Beat Band and The Bomb. This event, December 7, traditionally sells out ahead of time, so don't miss out! www.VenturaWinterWineWalk.com

Local favorites Shaky Feelin' have released their second CD called "Shaky Feelin' Live at Green Art People." If you know and love the band, trust me, this CD captures the band live at their finest. Plus, they'll make lovely stocking stuffers for Christmas. Just saying.

And finally, even though Zoey's may have closed their doors, you have to love Steve and Polly for seeing through this year's Ones to Watch. They put out feelers for a venue to hold this important event and immediately Jim Rice, Executive Director for Bell Arts, stepped up. "I have been a long time fan of Zoey's and how they really honor musicians," Rice explained. "When I heard they needed a venue for The Ones to Watch I thought we might provide the same type of atmosphere and attitude towards singer songwriters." The Ones to Watch will be held at Bell Arts on Saturday, November 23. Finalists are Alicia Murphy, Max Kasch, Mitchell Blake, Derek Jennings, Grace Fellows, Anita Coats, Gabby Sol, and John Ash.

Two on the Aisle

Scoundrels Sizzles in Simi

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Even a hit movie can be improved. The Actors' Repertory Theatre of Simi (ARTS), performing in the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, has done just that with its production of *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, the musical. Superbly directed and staged, *Scoundrels* is high energy, hilariously funny, and slightly naughty.

Being just over the hill and one step closer to Los Angeles seems to attract stage professionals to Simi. It certainly doesn't hurt that every production that is mounted by the ARTS is ambitious and pushes the actors to perform at their best. In the words of one character in *Scoundrels*, "Fun is nothing to be taken lightly."

With that in mind, director Sean Harrington has assembled a top-notch cast, added challenging, yet smoothly executed, choreography by Rebecca Castells and infused a sense of "just do it" that spills over to the audience in waves.

The live orchestra is almost equal in number to the cast and incorporated beautifully into the action of the show. Our only complaint is that the orchestra (particularly the two drummers) frequently overwhelm the singers so that, even with microphones, the song lyrics are often difficult to hear and understand.

The 1988 film starring Michael Caine and Steve Martin was in itself a remake of a 1964 film starring Marlon Brando and David Niven. The plot involves two international con artists with different styles who decide to pool their talents on the French Riviera. Gullible women fall at their feet – until they are ultimately undone by a con even greater than themselves. This third-time around treatment adds lively music that gives the production an added dimension.

The two charming cheats, Lawrence Jamison and Freddy Benson, are played by Kristopher Antekeier and Stephen Weston, both of whom play their roles to the hilt. Leading them by their proverbial noses are Christanna Rowader and Elizabeth Stockton as the pursued targets. All are outstanding. The ensemble is filled with familiar faces, many playing multiple bit roles. Stockton also doubles as the costumer and does an exquisite job draping everyone to stylish perfection.

In secondary key roles are Sharon Gibson as Jolene, an exuberant, rich oil-widow from Texas, and Kevin Ellis, who played Andre, the French gendarme/sidekick, the night we attended. Both turned in solid performances.

Adult language and sexual themes, although integral to the story line, are not offensive. The scene changes are handled easily and quickly by characters in the ensemble, creating seamless transitions. We especially liked the center stage platform which provided opportunities for spotlight scenes and additional dance areas.

According to Jamison, "Breeding is important, but lighting is everything." We couldn't agree more.

ARTS' *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* continues weekends until December 1, 2013 at the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, 3050 Los Angeles Ave.,

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Good Ol' Freda

Ventura journalist Ivor Davis, who travelled with the Beatles during their first American tour in 1964, will conduct a post-screening discussion with the film's director, Ryan White.

A thoroughly enjoyable trip back to The Beatles' halcyon days, *Good Ol' Freda* directed by Ryan White (Tues., Nov. 19th @ 7:15pm), stands out from countless other takes on the rise of the world's most iconic band. Full of great Beatles music and with a touching video tribute to Freda by Ringo Starr, this documentary captures the life of a wide-eyed young woman on the sidelines who never exploited her insider access. In 1960 Freda Kelly became one of the most envied women in the world. "I was a fan myself," Freda Kelly says, from her vantage point some 50 years down the road. In 1960 Freda Kelly was an average Liverpool teenager. After she finished high school and gone to work as a typist she heard of a gear new band called the Beatles playing at the Cavern Club. She quickly became a regular at their lunchtime shows and eventually got to know them a bit, never

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Movie Review

Captain Phillips



by Andrea Gibb

If you like thoughtful, sensitive dialogue, a trenchant script with characters whose travails result in personal growth, or moments that are bittersweet with emotion, then don't go see this film. I'm not an action/adventure aficionado, but the movie *Argo* – also based on real political events – impressed me, so I went to see *Captain Phillips* (directed by Paul Greengrass) with an open mind.

Tom Hanks plays Phillips, the captain of the cargo ship "Maersk Alabama" that gets hijacked by Somali pirates. His nemesis, Muse, (Barkhad Abdi) is a desperate man with a half-baked plan that results in Phillips' abduction and the involvement of the U.S. Navy – one frigate, one destroyer, and a team of Navy SEALs.

There's a moment when the pirates are first pursuing Phillips' ship, when the two captains train their binoculars on one another, sizing each other up across the water. So begins the powder keg relationship that involves flickers of understanding, concessions to power, and succumbing to powerlessness that become the heart of this film.

Muse ultimately takes charge of the cargo ship with just three other desperados, but they have deadly effect, armed as they are with automatic weapons and their "nothing to lose" bravado. The actor, Abdi, as the pirates' leader, turns in a remarkable performance as does Hanks, whose range from cool concern and professional competence to being psychologically shattered is consummate.

I liked the movie's industrial scenery – the loading yard with its colorful stacks of cargo boxes, the massive winch

daring to imagine where this chance meeting would take her. She ended up working for the group's manager, Brian Epstein, going on to serve as the Beatles Fan Club secretary from 1960 until after the group broke up in 1970. Remaining largely in the shadows, her unique perspective on the group's astonishing rise to fame is part of an extremely rich musical and cultural history.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present *Good Ol' Freda*, sponsored by Ivor Davis in memory of Sally Ogle Davis, as part of our 5th season. The VFS thanks all of its patrons, donors, volunteers and sponsors for supporting our mission of bringing quality alternative films and filmmakers to Ventura. The VFS Screening Room is located at 420 E. Santa Clara. 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. Call 628-2299 or write info@venturafilmsociety.com for further information. The Ventura Film Society – We Bring People Together In The Dark.

that hoists them up, and the ship's giant rudder beneath the water's surface. The contrast between this huge vessel and the pirates' crude little boat is a graphic metaphor for the clash of cultures and motives that takes place between the two captains.

In *Captain Phillips*, one viscerally feels the hostage's fear in one's own body, along with the gut changes from seeing the hero tortured and threatened. Many people seem to enjoy this kind of high anxiety and prolonged tension, which gets ratcheted up musically by racing strings, blaring horns, and thumping drums, but I can't count myself among them.

In the end we feel a *Top Gun* kind of pride, prevailing over the mercenaries with our starched uniforms, our rows of instrument panels, highly trained combat teams, and our honorable mission to feed the hungry. The pirates, who claim to be thwarted fishermen, of course perish because they snag too big a fish.

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Music & Entertainment

11/14	PUB QUIZ W/JILL 5:30 TO 7:00 JOE WILSON R&B 7:30, MARK MASSON RESIDENCY 9:30
11/15	GABE & NATE SHOEMAKER 6-8, THE JAZZ PUNKS 9:30
11/16	TOMMY MARSH & BAD DOG 9
11/17	THE GREAT PRESTON SMITH 5:30
11/18	MONDAY MADNESS W/ KAREN & JOE 6-8, INDUSTRY NIGHT W/ DEEP POCKETS 8:30-10:30
11/19	CATFISH AND DOUG BLUES SWING JAM OPEN MIC 8
11/20	AMIGOS SOUL REVUE W/ GRAMMY WINNER CHUCK VINCENT 6:30-8:30, "THE MIC" WITH BRION SHEARER ACOUSTIC SINGER/SONGWRITER 9
11/21	PUB QUIZ W/JILL 5:30 TO 7, JOE WILSON R&B 7:30 & MARK MASSON RESIDENCY 9:30
11/22	GABE AND NATE SHOEMAKER FROM 6-8, THE FABULOUS DAN GRIMM BAND 9PM
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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Solutions on page 15

King Crossword

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- 20 Covers a present
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- 25 Skill for an identity thief
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- 29 "Sesame Street" Muppet
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- 10 Church area
- 11 Back
- 13 Elevator name
- 19 Anger
- 20 "How come?"
- 21 Coral construction
- 22 River through Florence
- 23 Summer or Shalala
- 25 Productive
- 26 Chess castle
- 27 Harvard rival
- 29 To be (Fr.)
- 31 Swamp
- 33 Gorge
- 34 Mom or dad
- 36 Texas city
- 37 Blueprint
- 38 Move, to a Realtor
- 39 — the Terrible
- 40 Great Lake
- 43 Individual
- 44 Evergreen type
- 45 Submachine gun
- 46 Segment of a trip

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- 1 U.K. fliers
- 2 John's Yoko
- 3 Simple card game
- 4 Treeless plain
- 5 Singer Campbell
- 6 Lubricate

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A meeting of the minds on a workplace project might well develop into something more personal for Librans looking for romance. Aspects are also favorable for platonic relationships.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You enjoy the attention early in the week, but it might be a good idea to opt for some privacy by week's end so that you can have more time to consider an upcoming decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You unearth some surprising facts. Now you need to consider how to use them to your advantage. Meanwhile, it might be best to keep what you've learned secret for now.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A comment by a colleague piques your curiosity to know more. Best advice: You'll find people more likely to offer information if you're discreet when making your inquiries.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels begin to rise by mid-week. This allows you to catch up with your heavy workload and still have plenty of get-up-and-go to go out on the town this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're probably roaring your head off about a perceived slight from a longtime critic. Ignore it. That person might just be trying to goad you into doing something you might later regret.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The early part of the week is open to spontaneity. Then it's time to settle into your usual routine to get all your tasks done. A personal situation could require more attention from you.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more-positive mood might be difficult to assume in light of a recent problem involving the health of someone special. But by week's end, your emotional barometer should start to rise.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Look for a changed attitude from a former adversary once he or she realizes you have your colleagues' full support. Now you can refocus your energies on that workplace project.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This time, a difference of opinion might not be resolved in your favor. But be patient. It could all ultimately work out to your advantage, as new information begins to develop.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A tug of war develops between the artistic Aquarian's creative aspect and his or her practical side. Best advice: Prioritize your schedule so you can give appropriate time to both.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You could be entering a career phase awash with job-related demands. But avoid being swamped by the overflow and, instead, keep trading water as you deal with demands one by one.

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Business



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Businesses in the news

Bad eating habits, lack of exercise, and a list of health problems...this is the history of **Midtown Cafe's** (formerly Crazy Dr. Cafe) new owner, Dale Panopio. Inspired by how food heals and how it has brought him a new clean bill of health, the new owner is promoting a sustainable lifestyle through Midtown Cafe's menu of organic and delicious healthy alternatives.

MTC's official ribbon cutting was held on Oct. 30 with Ventura Mayor, Mike Tracy, local farmers and vendors, the Ventura Chamber of Commerce, local media, and residents.

Midtown Cafe is at 2991 E. Loma Vista Rd. Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 7 am - 5 pm; Friday-Saturday 10 pm - 3 am; Saturday-Sunday 7 am - 2 pm

The Wine Rack has a new ownership, new feel, new menu and most importantly new wines. With the new ownership, it has had a major facelift from the seating and space to the menu and the wines being offered.



Photo by Laura Luongo.

Co-owner Darci Kole stated "The Wine Rack is a fusion of a lounge and wine bar – ideal for people to sit back and relax after a long day. We have added additional seating in a comfier setting, but most importantly, we have expanded our selection of wines; offering higher quality premium wines, as well as new gourmet appetizers." The Wine Rack is located at 14 South California St. in Downtown Ventura and is open Tuesday-Sunday.

Rincon Consultants, a Ventura-based environmental sciences and planning consulting firm, was recently featured in the 2nd annual Inc. Hire Power Awards, recognizing the private businesses that have generated the most jobs in the past 18 months.

Rincon generated 22 jobs from January 1st, 2012 to June 30th 2013, an increase of 32%, placing it among the top 4 private business job creators within the Environmental Services industry.

"Rincon is honored to receive this recognition and owes its success to our highly talented team of professionals, an employee-focused company culture, and a loyal client base that has supported us over the years," says Michael Giaketsis, President of Rincon.

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Art Scene



At the Breeze booth at the recent Ventura Chamber event *Haunting At The Harbor* Deanna Escobar, from Bank of America, won a free caricature by the talented Jaime Baker.

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On Sat., Nov. 2nd a Hike A Thon was held at the trail-head behind Ventura City Hall with dozens of hikers enjoying the beautiful hike and views.

A celebration was also held at the end of the trail with activities, music and healthy snacks. Where local award-winning artist Gerald Zwiers, who paints

scenes of the future Ventura Botanical Gardens, held an art display and raffle for his paintings. VBG volunteer Denise Buttrey was a lucky winner of one of his works.

Art, a la Carte



archive of George Stuart commentary on each of his Historical Figures.



Ventura County Potters Guild is proud to present a new collection of works by a very talented and diverse Ojai artist Richard Franklin. Figurative artist, ceramist, instructor, and architect, Franklin always made time to study, explore, and practice the fine arts. He has had a life-long love of drawing, as well as making 3-dimensional work in ceramics and sculpture. Extensive travel stimulates his imagination. He was associated with the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, VA from 1980 to 1998 and showed regularly in their galleries. He has also shown in the Ojai Center for the Arts, Ojai Cafe Emporium, Ojai Valley Historical Society & Museum, Ventura County Museum of History & Art Visitor's Center, Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts, Ventura County Government Center, and was the featured artist at Focus on the Masters in 2005. His work has received numerous awards – most recently at the Ventura County Fair Professional Arts exhibit.

From November 19 – February 2, 2014, the Smith Gallery will host 18 of George Stuart's exquisitely detailed ¼ life-size sculptures of an eclectic group of famous and infamous historical characters. Among these featured figures are Vlado Tepes, the 15th century ruler from present-day Romania who gained notoriety for executing some 20,000 persons; Theresa of Avila, a Spanish Carmelite nun, who worked to make the church more responsive to the needs of the common people; and Abraham Lincoln, considered one of America's all-time favorite historical figures for saving the Union and abolishing slavery.

George Stuart will elaborate on each of the Historical Figures® over the course of two intimate presentations in the Smith Gallery. These events kick off the George Stuart Audio Project, which aims to establish a comprehensive

Reception: November 24, 1:30 - 4pm.

This 'n' That

City of Ventura Classes

Call 658-4726 or 654-7552 to register, or if you already have an account online, visit www.cityofventura.net. Classes held at the Barranca Vista Center, 7050 Ralston Street, in Ventura unless otherwise noted.

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This tree is definitely blocking my view, whom do I sue?

City Tree Advisory Committee Workshop

On November 14, the City of Ventura Tree Advisory Committee will conduct a workshop to receive public comments on a proposed View Dispute Resolution Ordinance. The workshop will be held at 6:30 pm in the Santa Cruz Room at Ventura City Hall. The proposed ordinance is available for viewing or downloading at www.cityofventura.net/TreeAdvisory.

The proposed ordinance creates a private view dispute resolution system,

which could ultimately allow private lawsuits over view or sunlight blockages created by trees and vegetation. Under current law, there is generally no legal right to sue another property owner over view or sunlight obstruction claims.

The ordinance would allow owners to file private view or sunlight blockage claims against each other, and thereafter engage in private mediation, arbitration or lawsuits to resolve the claims. The city would not be involved in the dispute resolution process.

The proposed ordinance could result

in tree and vegetation removal or pruning, depending upon the outcome of mediation, arbitration or a lawsuit.

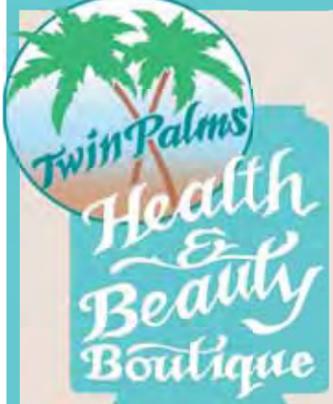
The public is invited to give feedback on the proposal. Specifically, comments are being sought on whether there is a need for the ordinance, the kinds of pruning or removal actions that might be allowed to correct view or sunlight blockages, whether city-owned trees should be included, and other alternatives to achieve view and sunlight blockage remediation.

For more information contact City Attorney Ariel Calonne at 654-7818.



Fall for some means changing leaves, warm clothes and the return of all things pumpkin. This year, autumn in Ventura was celebrated the way coastal Southern California celebrates best – at the beach. On Saturday, November 2, "Blues at the Beach" was held at San Buenaventura State Beach before an appreciative large crowd on a gorgeous Ventura day.

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This 'n' That

Captain Phillips
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Suddenly a Star: Barhad Abdi, who plays the Somali pirate, was working as a chauffeur when he was discovered and cast for the major role, and never had any aspirations towards professional acting. Rated PG13. 134 minutes/Action, Adventure, Biography

Fri 8pm
Fri 11/15 - R.J. Mischo (Harmonica Blues 8pm
Fri 11/22 - James Intveld (Rockabilly, Blues) 8pm

Music Calendar 11/13 to 11/26

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Tue 11/19 - Motion City Soundtrack, Reliant K, Driver Friendly 8pm
Wed 11/20 - Angeles Del Infierno, Lira N Roll, Neblina, Venum Rush 8pm
Sat 11/23 - D.I., Battalion of Saints, Naked Aggression, Stop Breathing, Somali Pirates, Glue Gum 8pm
Sun 11/24 - Nekromantix, Wanda Jackson, Hard Six, Radio Threat, The Graveyard Kings, The Cursed Bastards 8pm

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Thur 11/14 - Tom Buckner & Friends
Fri 11/15 - LJ & The Boyz
Sat 11/16 - Tico Trio
Wed 11/20 - Alphawave
Thur 11/21 - Ebony Ann Blaze
Fri 11/22 - Toni Jannota
Sat 11/23 - Paul Weitz Trio featuring Donna Duessen

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Fri 11/15 - Hey You! 10pm
Sat 11/16 - Orlando Napier 10pm
Wed 11/20 - Residency Band - TBA 9:30pm
Fri 11/22 - Emilbus 10pm
Sat 11/23 - Rich Sheldon 10pm

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Thur 11/14 - Buenaventura Social Club

Fri 11/15 - Sound Effect
Sat 11/16 - Legalizers
Sun 11/17 - Randy Cobb
Thur 11/21 - Buenaventura Social Club
Fri 11/22 - Saletta
Sat 11/23 - The Bomb
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a Peak at Happy Hour

by Danielle Peak



Rhumb Line, The Sunset Restaurant, takes inspiration from the nautical. Its location juxtaposes the water of the lovely Ventura Harbor, and its name refers to a navigational line such that crosses all meridians of longitude at the same angle. Of happy homonymous coincidence, the name can also lure guests in on pretense of a different sort of rhumb. And speaking of rum and happiness, happy hour at this gorgeous spot runs Monday through Friday, 3pm to 7 pm at the bar and on the patio, and it does not disappoint. Located at 1510 Anchors Way, 642-1299.

Here are Rhumb Line's enticing offerings:

- Food:
Burger & beer: \$9
Fish & chips: \$6
Oysters Rockefeller : \$8
Mussels Mariniere: \$6
Fried clams: \$4
Ceviche: \$6
Guacamole & chips: \$5
Fish tacos: \$3 each
Fried pickle slices: \$4
Drinks:
Draft beer mugs: \$6
Draft beer pints: \$4
Imported beer bottles: \$4
Domestic beer bottles: \$3
Margaritas: \$6
Martinis: \$6
Mixed well drinks: \$4
House wines: \$4
<http://rhumblineventura.com/>

