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Perhaps if these fences had been up this memorial to those killed on the tracks at Vista Del Mar wouldn't be necessary (note the hole that has been illegally cut in the fence).

## Union Pacific Railroad arrives at midtown meeting, part 2

by Tim Pompey

But that's only part of the story. While the railroad must go through an extensive permit process via the city, including an environmental review, they must also deal with the Coastal Commission, the Public Utilities Commission, and the Coastal Conservancy. It's a guarantee of lengthy meetings, numerous opportunities for public comment, and an administrative process that could take months or years to complete. This on top of a continued push by some members of the community to remove the fences. As one resident complained during the meeting, "They are ugly."

Still, UPRR maintains their right to put up fencing where they deem

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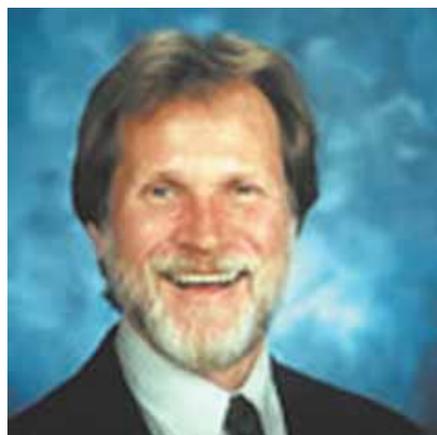
Rally for burn survivors held at city hall.

## Firefighters dedicated to burn victims

The annual Firefighters Quest for Burn Survivors Rally was recently held throughout Ventura County, and stopped at Ventura City Hall on May 8. The Firefighters Quest is a non-profit organization dedicated to assisting those

who have been affected by burn injuries. Our Ventura City Firefighters, along with other firefighters and civilians volunteer to manage this organization.

Attending the brief ceremony were  
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Morehouse is one of the few professional land use planners to reach the top of the SCAG leadership.

## Carl Morehouse new SCAG President

The Southern California Association of Governments, which is charged by the state and Federal governments in creating a Sustainable Community

Strategy for the region in conjunction with the required Regional Transportation Plan, is well prepared to undertake that task, says incoming SCAG President Carl Morehouse, who was recently selected to be their president.

SCAG is the nation's largest metropolitan planning organization, representing six counties, 191 cities, 39,000 square miles and more than 18 million residents. SCAG undertakes a variety of planning and policy initiatives to plan for a livable and sustainable Southern California now and in the future. For more information about SCAG's regional efforts, please visit [www.scag.ca.gov](http://www.scag.ca.gov).

Morehouse believes that "The true meaning of sustainability" is to keep the three "E's" of the economy, the environment and the social equity in balance so that any one of those doesn't cancel out the others. Morehouse, also a member of the Ventura City Council, also emphasized that "balancing these three is what begets a true quality of life. This is what will help keep Southern California

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Gary Wilde, CEO of CMH serving the food at the appreciation luncheon.

## Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

The Community Memorial Hospital staff including Gary Wilde, Adam Thurnell, Mike Ellingson, Bobbie McCaffrey, Tinette Hood, Emile Ramon and Joel Hernandez provided and served two luncheons on Friday April 11, to Auxiliary members. This annual event is both anticipated and appreciated by all Auxiliary members. The food was

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Sean continues organizing bake sales for disaster relief.

## Sean Reed recognized for his relief efforts

In 2011, Sean Reed saw that the ocean is not always a source of enjoyment. Sean and his family watched video from Japan as tsunamis thundered through cities after a mammoth 9.0 earthquake.

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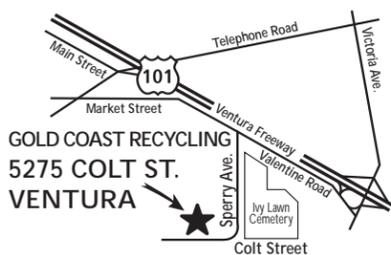


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#### Union Pacific at meeting, part 2

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necessary and that unless there is a designated crossing, there is no traditional public access across their tracks. "Fences go up to stop illegal trespassing," said UPRR attorney David Pickett. "Unless the PUC has said this is where you can have a public crossing, and it's constructed, the public is not allowed to cross there."

For Pickett, it all comes down to the high risk the railroad faces in California from illegal crossings. "California ranks the worst among 50 states for total numbers of trespassing, injuries, and accidents on a year to year basis," he said. He cited recent examples of tragic deaths on train tracks at Bakersfield, Truckee, and Marysville.

Pickett insists, however, that it's possible to guarantee 100% access and 100% safety on local tracks. As he noted, the answer is straightforward. "The access is a grade separated crossing going up over the track or under the tracks."

What's not so simple is who would bear the cost. The railroad has suggested the solution, but it has no intention of paying for it. "It's a city project to establish access where it does not exist," said Pickett. "This is not a railroad project in that the railroad is required to provide that public access. It's a choice of the city."

City of Ventura planning manager Jared Rosengren told the crowd that a potential pedestrian crossing at Seaward

and Vista Del Mar was an item the city had added to their capital improvement plan for 2014-2020, but there is no current funding to finance the project. For now, it remains a discretionary item on the city's to-do list.

While the meeting allowed for the expression of various viewpoints from the city, the railroad, and the community, for Mansfield (Midtown Ventura Community Council vice chair Gregg Mansfield), the answer seems so clear and yet so far away. "I know where Union Pacific is coming from," he said, "but I hate riding down Seaward on a bike and my thing is, why couldn't we be reasonable and put in a crossing?"

It's a reasonable question that will remain front and center during this discussion. Still, while there exists the means, the engineering resources, and the willingness of all parties to talk, what's ultimately missing is a funding source.

Wherever the conversation goes, for Lupe Valdez, UPRR's director of public affairs for Southern California, the real issue the community should be concerned about is public safety. "It's not a money issue, it's a lives issue," she said. "You don't want to see what happens when we kill someone. We're trying to make sure that people don't get killed or maimed or hurt."

#### Sean Reed recognized

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Despite living on the other side of the Pacific, Sean experienced the quake's tsunami threat as his school, Pierpont Elementary, was evacuated. A tsunami surge eventually arrived at the Ventura Keys, lifting docks several feet above their typical resting levels but not damaging any structures onshore.

Sean was amazed by the ocean's power, and he was saddened for those suffering in Japan. As a fellow coastal resident, he decided to help the people on the distant Japanese coasts.

Over the past three years Sean has organized three bake sales, with proceeds going to the Red Cross. The bake sales directly benefited those affected by the Japan Earthquake and Tsunami, Hurricane Sandy and Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The three sales raised nearly \$2,000. Sean's concern and interest for the first bake sale was the result of his school (Pierpont Elementary) being briefly closed as the tsunami headed toward the west coast. As other natural disasters have been in the news Sean has recognized the need to help others and developed an awareness that there could be a time when our area will need similar assistance.

As a result of his amazing efforts on Wednesday, April 30 the Ventura County Chapter of the Red Cross awarded their 2014 Hero Awards recognizing Sean Reed as the Youth Volunteer of the Year.

Congratulations, Sean on a very good start to a life of volunteering and having compassion for others.

#### Firefighters dedicated to burn victims

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city council members, the mayor, CHP officers, firefighters from other cities and many other city employees and interested folks. Even the VFD bagpipe brigade was there. They hope to grow in number and even add a few drummers

This past year Dr. Grossman (The Grossman Burn Center) who was instrumental in burn research and treatment passed away. The Quest Burn Rally will be dedicated to Dr. Grossman and his family this year.

On hand was a burn survivor dog who was also treated by the wonderful Grossman Burn Center.



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## Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown  
Publisher

■ The December Store & More, the year-round artisans and crafter's store is now open at 27 S. Oak Street in downtown Ventura right off Main. I will be holding court there on Fridays at 10:30, so stop by to visit and have a cup of locally roasted Brazuka coffee and pastries from Ann's Bakery. Let's see if we can solve the world's problems, or at least Ventura's (you might even ending up adopting a dog).

And on Saturday, May 24th, from 11-2 journalist and animal welfare advocate Michelle Sathe will be there with Loren. When Michelle turned 40 in 2009, she bypassed a midlife crisis for a great American road trip. But this wasn't just any road trip... along for the ride was Loren, a rescued four-year old female pit bull, whom she fell in love with while volunteering at The Brittany Foundation, a no-kill rescue in Southern California. Their exciting adventure is told in her book *Pit Stops: Crossing the Country with Loren* which Michelle will read from and discuss on the 24th.

■ Recently, 2,000 people attended the initial Ventura Beach Festival held at San Buenaventura State Beach to raise funds for the Friends of Channel Coast State Parks. Once again it amazes me that some brilliant people at the State decided that raising parking fees from \$5 to \$10 would bring in twice the revenue when it actually greatly reduces the amount of people parking there and results in even less money. They (whoever they are) could at least lower the entrance fee to \$5.00 on days there are events supporting local non-profits. The following day there was a fundraiser there for Community Memorial Hospital.

■ The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed concert series, to be held above City Hall has now been completed. There is some

confusion that this report means that the concert series will be proceeding, but this is just one more step for the City Council to consider before approving it.

I certainly hope that the event will happen, as it would be great for both Ventura and local merchants. The EIR is almost 50 pages, but thrilling reading. If you wish to see it, email me at [publisher@venturabreeze.com](mailto:publisher@venturabreeze.com), and I will be happy to email you a copy. If you wish to comment prior to planning commission public hearings you can email your comments to Lilly Rudolph, Senior Planner at [lrudolph@cityofventura.net](mailto:lrudolph@cityofventura.net).

■ Good news - recently The Ventura Police Department conducted a Minor Decoy Shoulder Tap operation. Don't know where that name came from, but it is an enforcement program that ABC and local law enforcement agencies use to detect



Meet Michelle and Loren at the December Store & More and have a muffin with Breeze publisher Sheldon while browsing the store.

and deter the ability of underage persons to obtain alcohol. During this operation, the decoys solicited 18 different persons in Ventura to purchase alcohol for them. None of the 18 persons furnished alcohol to the decoys.

■ The financial problems with the Working Artists Ventura (WAV) building located on the west side continues. What was referred to six years ago as a "national model" is now a local "financial disaster."

Condominiums that are part of this mixed use complex were originally planned to sell for around \$900,000

and they may soon be going on the market for under \$500,000. This is still probably a lot more than they're worth. They are extremely poorly designed, bathrooms that look like those you would see in gas stations, kitchens seen in average apartments, living rooms that cannot be furnished properly and patios that face parking lots instead of the ocean view. And a \$2 million loan from the city for part of the construction costs that the City might never see gain.

During the very early stages of the project. I kept asking many questions regarding the workability and salability of this project, and was always given meaningless answers. It does not surprise me at all that this has become a "white elephant."

■ There seems to be confusion with some locals thinking that the proposed Ventura Botanical Gardens will be a city park. They believe that it should contain tennis courts and soccer fields, etc. so that people will use it.

This is like saying that the Guggenheim Museum wants to open a branch here but it should contain a swimming pool so that people use it.

The Gardens will be a beautiful place to enjoy great landscaping and plants from many regions of the world. (And the incredible views).

■ The 20th anniversary season of the Ventura Music Festival *Festivo* has finished, and it was another great season of music. From 74 -year old Judy Collins to the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, every performance was terrific.

My congratulations go out to Artistic Director Nuvi Mehta, Executive Director Ellen Pasternack, and Betsy Chess, Board President. They, along with and all of their hard-working staff and the many volunteers that give their time to the festival, put on an incredible event. I can hardly wait until next year. Next up is Music Under The Stars at the Olivas Adobe. Hope to see you there.

## Mailbox

that "many of the companies grow and relocate to bigger quarters here" can you cite any let alone many examples?

Hopefully it will be the case one day with Trade Desk and others. A few years ago the city was not even checking or requiring business licenses from these tenants.

Please withhold my name on this.

Withholder:

We are gathering information regarding this and hope to have it in next issue.

Thanks



Breeze

I got a little more info on this sail boat. Apparently it was anchored offshore in Santa Barbara and the last storm set it free. It ended up on Solamar Beach. The County gave the

guy a month to move it. He had no money, so the County crushed it into little box and put in in a dumpster and carted it away. The guy has recently purchased it and was still making monthly payments on it. It would have cost \$12,000 to tow it out into the ocean with no guarantee that it wouldn't sink. Plus another \$20,000 to repair it. I guess it was cheaper to just let the County put it out of its misery.

Also, as you know they have been working on repairing the sea wall below Solamar for months. I talked to one of the workers. They are actually removing all of the large boulders that are on the beach front and moving them to the Port Hueneme Beach. I have heard it has erosion problems. This is turning out to be a mucho expensive project. I wonder if it was really worth it. What was gained by doing it?

George Robertson



Dear "Sheldon (Governor) Brown,

Thank you for publishing an informative and, often, fun source of news for the residents of Ventura. We look forward to your coverage of our community in each issue.

We are regular viewers of our City Council meetings on CAPS TV and are growing concerned that Councilmember

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The great end of education is to discipline rather than to furnish the mind, rather than to fill it with the accumulation of others.

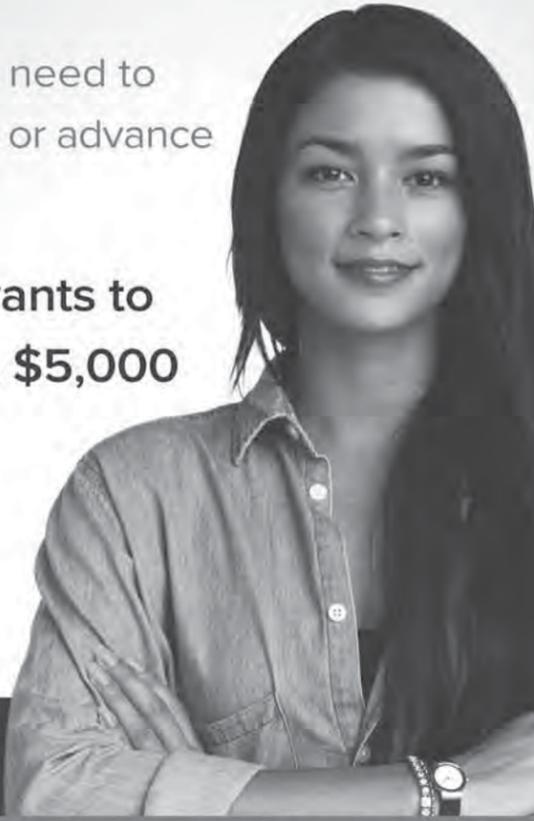
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## Community Events

### Youth ballet

by **Betsy Manninen**

Marketing volunteer at Footworks

"At Footworks Youth Ballet, we intentionally cast our productions with students in the lead roles whenever we can, which is most of the time. Our overall goal is to share the experience of quality classical ballet through the performances for all of our dancers, at all levels, and also for our entire community," shares Kirsten Oakley, Artistic Director of Footworks Youth Ballet.

"This spring, we are especially thrilled to present two ballets completely cast with our students," she continued.

On May 31st and June 1st, Footworks Youth Ballet will present the well-known children's classic, *Peter and the Wolf* by Sergei Prokofiev, and the famous, though rarely performed, ballet classic *Pas de Quatre* with music by Cesare Pugni.

*Pas de Quatre* was created in 1845 for four of the reigning ballerinas of the day: Marie Taglione, Fanny Cerrito, Carlotta Grisi and Lucile Grahn.

For the Footworks Youth Ballet performance, the lead roles have been given to Oakley Ballet Center students Evelyn Augros, Madison Hendricks, Ariana Castillo and Sarah Jackson—all Ventura County residents. Oakley Ballet Center is the ballet school associated with Footworks Youth Ballet.

Before the performance be sure to attend the Family Story Hour in the Lobby an hour before the show—you might just spot a Frog, the Cat or a Duckling from the show!

Footworks Youth Ballet is a nonprofit ballet company whose purpose is to provide educational opportunities to young people and the community through the art of ballet. Each season, Footworks Youth Ballet coordinates an Outreach Event for school children, this year on May 30th. The event is completely filled, allowing over 3,000 school children to experience the high-quality artistry of young dancers, ages 5 to 17, in a production that includes professionally created costumes, lighting and sets. Oxnard Performing Arts Center  
Matinees - 2 p.m.

Tickets: \$12, \$15, \$18

For info/tickets: [www.FootworksYouthBallet.org](http://www.FootworksYouthBallet.org), or call 486-2424.

## Chamber of Commerce events

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce invites all to attend the Semi-Annual Business expo on Thursday, May 22, from 4:30pm - 7:30pm at the Four Points Sheraton Ventura Harbor. Over 65 exhibitor booths of local business will fill the ballroom and display information, products, and their services for their businesses. Five local Chamber member restaurants will also be featured. Reserve your booth now! Call Charleen at the Chamber office today! 643-7222 or email [charleen@ventura-chamber.org](mailto:charleen@ventura-chamber.org).

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce Marketing Committee & Video Production Chamber members present a workshop that will teach you everything you need to know about scripting,

creating, and marketing a video for your business. The goal of this workshop is to demystify video production and marketing. Wednesday, May 28, from 8:00am - 10:00am at the Museum of Ventura County. Admission is \$10 for Chamber Members, \$25 for non-members. To reserve, please call Charleen Morla 643-7222.

## Ventura events

by **Ana Baker**

Would you like to meet new friends? Whatever the reason, **Ventura's Conversation Group** is the right place for you. This eclectic group meets **Wednesdays** from 4p.m. to 6p.m. at 420 E. Santa Clara Street. No topic is off limits as long as you aren't boring.

**PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays)** provides support, education, and advocacy to the families and allies of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. PFLAG's goal is to strengthen families and help them through the often difficult adjustment when a member comes-out as gay or transgender. **PFLAG meets the 4th Tuesday of every month** at 7p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, 5654 Ralston St. Free to the community. Please spread the word. Contact Gary Zinik, 650-3327, [pflag.ventura.ca@gmail.com](mailto:pflag.ventura.ca@gmail.com)

**May 18: The Ventura and Santa Barbara County chapter of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors (NAWCC) will meet Sunday**, in the Campus Student Center of Ventura College, 4667 Telegraph Road. The regular meeting starts at noon and at 11a.m. there will be an informal workshop where a topic on clocks or watches will be demonstrated and discussed. There will be a mart where items will be for sale followed by an informational meeting and a program. This month's program will be a presentation by Niel Kuhns on the Lawson Clock. Niel is a nationally recognized student of these very interesting mechanical digital clocks which were made in Los Angeles. Anyone interested in watches and clocks, (modern & antique) are invited to visit and join our chapter. There is a \$3 admission charge. Lunch is available for \$5 more. Watches & clocks will be on display.

**May 18: Channel Cities Jazz Club** at The Corinthian Pacific Yacht Club 2600 South Harbor Blvd. Oxnard The feature band will be Ed Lafata and the Unforgettables, featuring Bill A Jones on vocals.

The mission of the Channel Cities Jazz Club is to "Keep Jazz Alive". It does just that by presenting monthly dances to live jazz music of the 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s by providing a popular venue where local musicians jam, for two full hours on every 3rd Sunday from 1p.m. to 4:30p.m. They provide a venue for dancers of all ages to really cut loose with their steps, slides, swings and turns.

Members \$7 and General Public \$10. For information call 487-3062 or 701-1242 or [www.channelcitiesjazzclub.org](http://www.channelcitiesjazzclub.org).

**May 19: Ventura Center for Spiritual Living** will have a workshop facilitated by Brock Travis, PhD. Topics will include Care for Self/Service to Others, Divine Feminine/Divine Masculine and Work/Love, Doing/Being. Located at 101 S. Laurel- Corner of Santa Clara from 6:30p.m. to 8:30p.m. Voluntary donations appreciated. Call Brock Travis 320-6079 for information.

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# Community Events

invites the business community to their **monthly networking event**, "Fitness Persistence" which focuses on physical fitness and sports on Thursday, May 29, from 5 to 7 PM. Events are designed to help promote locally owned businesses and organizations in the area. This is a perfect opportunity to showcase your business, promote your services and meet new business contacts! This event is free and open to the business community. Feel free to bring your business cards, brochures and/or any other publication you have with you on this night. If you'd like to bring a door prize for more exposure, please do! They are still in search of local vendors who'd like to participate for this month! If you are interested in participating, please call 653-2381.

**May 27:** Simple gestures can restore a child's faith in love and security. This is the power of a foster parent. A willingness to comfort, encourage and enrich a life, whether briefly or forever is the essence of being a foster parent. See if the power of fostering is in you at an upcoming **foster parenting information meeting** on Tuesday, from 6p.m. to 8p.m. To learn more about foster parenting, attend the next information meeting at the Human Services Agency of Ventura County (855 Partridge Dr.) Call 654-3220 or go to [www.vchsa.org/foster](http://www.vchsa.org/foster) for more dates and an online meeting option.

**June 1: Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions** are holding their **monthly meeting** at E.P. Foster Library's Topping room on Sunday from 3p.m. to 5p.m. Admission is free. Learn about River Wetlands Restoration in Ventura County. Meet the experts and volunteers working to preserve the Ventura and Santa Clara River ecosystems including Lee Sherman, development and volunteer coordinator for Ventura Hillside Conservancy.

## Ojai events

by Veronica Johnson

On the evening of **May 31, Dancing Oak Ranch welcomes Brother**, an Australian fusion band which crosses Celtic electric rock with Aboriginal rhythms. Brother is wholly original, fusing signature vocals and guitar with the deep pulse of the didgeridoo, the soaring highs of the bagpipes, and tribal percussion. The band's powerhouse live performances are an energetic celebration, captivating and engaging the audience from the first song to the last. Dancing Oak ranch 4585 Casitas Pass Road.

\$20 in advance or at the gate, and kids under 15 years are free. [www.ojai-concertseries.com](http://www.ojai-concertseries.com)

*I Ought to be in Pictures* is another one of Neil Simon's comedy gems that deals with the nuances of love and family, playing at **Ojai Art Center Theater**, 113 S. Montgomery Street from May 16 to June 8 at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$18 general and \$15 students, seniors and Art Center members. For reservations, call 640-8797 or go online to [www.OjaiACT.org](http://www.OjaiACT.org)

Known for being bold and surprising, the **Ojai Music Festival** will carry on this adventuresome spirit at *A Dinner Party: (of Sorts)* on Saturday, **June 7** at a private home in Ojai. The benefit dinner is a prelude to the 68th Festival (June 12-15). A fundraiser for the Ojai Music

Festival, individual tickets are \$250 per person and premium tickets are \$500 per person, which includes an invitation to the final dress rehearsal prior to the Friday evening performance. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 646 2094 or go online at [OjaiFestival.org](http://OjaiFestival.org).

As the front man and driving force of the Animals, **Eric Burdon** was at the forefront of the British Invasion, helping to shape rock and roll's DNA with his imposing yet soulful vocals. Burdon has continued to forge new musical territory with each new record in the five decades since the iconic *House of the Rising Sun*. He will be appearing at **Libbey Bowl on Saturday, May 17** to celebrate his birthday with his band the Animals. Popular Santa Barbara-based band, Dishwalla, as well as other musicians from the Ojai area, will be joining in the festivities. Tickets and details at [www.libbeybowl.org](http://www.libbeybowl.org).

Acclaimed documentarian **Lucy Walker will speak and answer questions** at the **Ojai Film Society May 18** screening of her latest film, *The Crash Reel*, the dramatic comeback story of snowboard champion Kevin Pearce, who suffered a traumatic brain injury while training for the 2010 Olympics. Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave., 4:30 pm. Walker will also speak at a reception following the film at Spacemonkey, 105 S. Montgomery. Appetizers to be catered by Osteria Monte Grappa. Tickets \$30 for OFS Subscribers/\$35 for Nonsubscribers. Advance ticket purchase at [ojiafilmsociety.org](http://ojiafilmsociety.org) is strongly recommended. For the screening only: General Admission \$10, Seniors/Students \$7 at the door, Free for OFS subscribers.

The *Tales of Peter Rabbit* has delighted generations ever since author Beatrix Potter published it in 1902. Now this summer the youth of Ojai and beyond (aged 6 - 18) will be the next generation delighted by portraying the mischievous Peter Rabbit and his friends.

**Ojai ACT's Theater Youth Workshop** for the summer runs from **June 29** through two performances on July 16 and 17.

Registration is due by June 1 and all students will be cast in the play. Cost is \$70 for registering before June 1 and \$85 after that until June 15 (scholarships are available).

Middle and high school theater students may volunteer as workshop assistants and actors. Students entering grades 8-12 who have theater experience are invited to be workshop leaders and coaches for only \$20 which includes a cast T-Shirt. Contact [gai.jones@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gai.jones@sbcglobal.net) for questions and registration form as soon as possible.

Class of 1979 Sean O'Hollaren will be **Villanova's 2014 commencement speaker**. The graduation is at 11 am on **May 24** at the Grotto of the Villanova campus, 12096 North Ventura Ave.

Sean O'Hollaren is Senior Vice President, Government and Public Affairs at NIKE, Mr. O'Hollaren earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Psychology from Willamette University in Oregon and has completed the Certificate program in Business Management at Georgetown University.

Brooks Institute Visual Journalism instructor Greg Cooper returns to the **Ojai Photography Club** as their May presenter and guest judge. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm, Tuesday **May 20**, at Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 Santa Ana St.

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## Cypress Place Fiesta Day

Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura has been described as a cruise ship on land by residents and staff alike, Cypress Place Senior Living is indeed a premiere senior community in Ventura County.

Residents also enjoy the big monthly events held at the senior community, such as their upcoming Fiesta Day celebration and fundraiser to benefit the National Police Dog Foundation. This foundation raises funds to support K-9 programs for various law enforcement agencies across America, including the Ventura Police and Sheriff's K-9 units.

Bring your children to sit in a real police car and watch a K-9 demonstration with several police dogs and their handlers from the Ventura Police Department and the Ventura Sheriff's Department. The dogs and their trainers will demonstrate how they work together as a team to carry out their duties. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet the canines up close and personal and have their questions answered by the

handlers.

The festive event takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 17 at Cypress Place Senior Living, 1200 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura.

Attendees will enjoy a gourmet Mexican buffet, including homemade tamales, rice and beans, and homemade tortilla chips. Sample delectable churros while listening to the live music of a Mariachi band. Enjoy beautiful dancers in their colorful dresses. And if you dare, enter the Jalapeno eating contest - only for the brave of heart (or stomach).

This year's event will include free shuttle parking at Ventura Baptist Church, 5415 Ralston Street in Ventura (corner of Ralston Street and Saratoga Avenue).

Residents, families, and friends of the community are welcome to attend. Suggested \$10 donation for lunch. Kids 12 and under \$5. All proceeds will benefit the National Police Dog Foundation. Come support a wonderful cause that benefits our local community.

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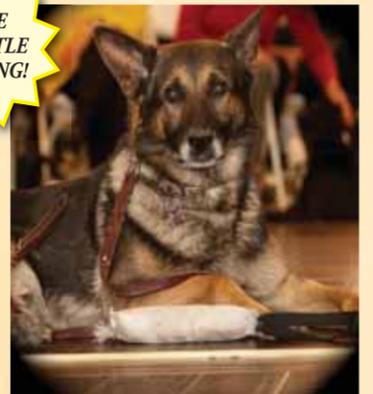
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Mini Cardiovascular screenings en Español: Mexican Consulate, Oxnard, 1st Monday, 8am-12noon. Walk-in, no charge.

**Diabetes:** Diabetic screenings Non-Fasting: 1st Monday, 3pm-4pm, HEALTHaware office. No charge. Appointment needed.

Diabetes Update monthly class: 2nd

Tuesday, 3pm-4pm (carbohydrate counting) 4pm-5pm (insulin therapy). No charge HEALTHaware office.

**Stroke:** Stroke mini screenings: 1st Friday, 11am-1pm, HEALTHaware office. Appointment needed.

Stroke Support group: 2nd Wednesday, 2pm-3:30pm, HEALTHaware office.

**Weight:** Walking Fitness Program at Kimball Park: Pre-and post-walk blood pressure screenings. Tuesday/Thursday, 8am-9:30am. Community Park, Kimball & Telephone Rd. \*weather permitting\*

Lifestyle & Weight Support Group: Mondays 5:30-6:30pm: Healthaware office, appointment needed.

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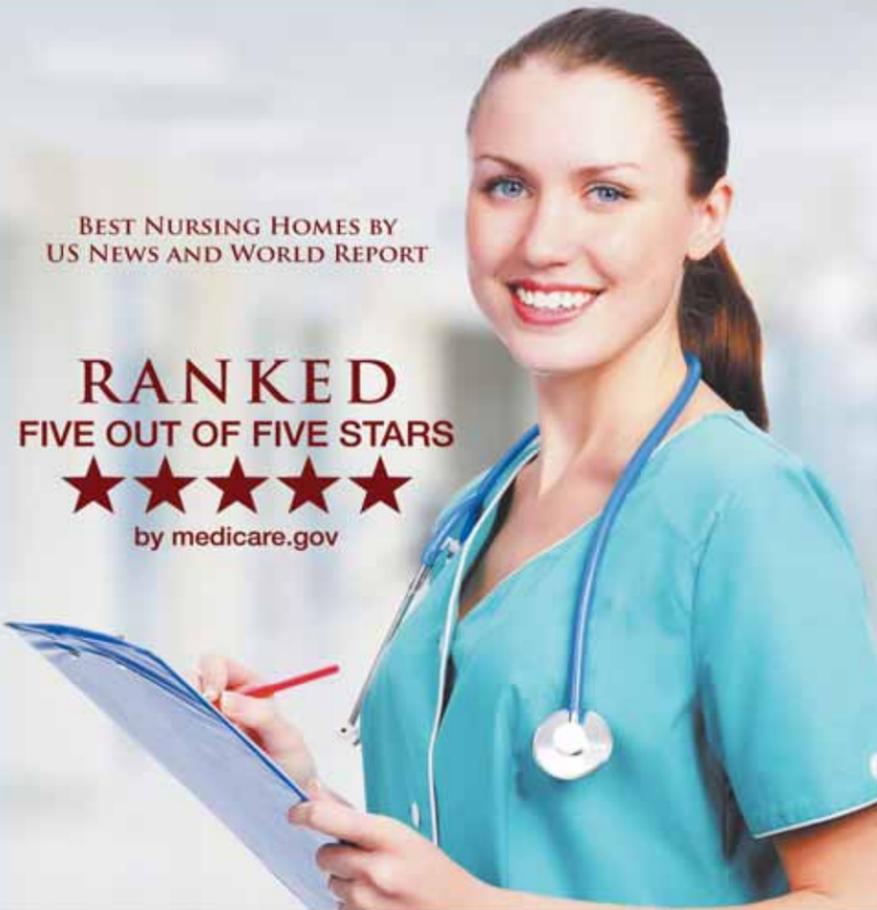
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## May is Senior Month

by Andrea Ricketts  
RN, PHN, MSN, ACNP-BC

In April 1963 President John F. Kennedy designated May as Senior Citizen month; seventeen years later in 1980, President Jimmy Carter changed the name to Older Americans month.

Today's senior is no longer recognized sitting on a rocking chair. Today's senior has many resources to help him stay active and well into our advanced years, although physical and perhaps mental changes may occur. Acknowledging the accomplishments of older Americans reminds the younger generation that not only do their parents and grandparents enjoy life to its fullest but today's society

cannot relegate seniors to the "back of the room" where they will not be seen. Even employers are beginning to recognize the value and commitment of older workers. According to some reports, often older Americans outperform their juniors in the workplace because they are committed, loyal and reliable, important attributes for an employee. The medical community has ongoing medical interventions that enable us to live longer and more effectively with medical conditions that in years past would have been untreatable or perhaps terminal.

Although some may express disapproval at spending so much time and money on "those old folks" it is gratifying to see the caring support and attitude of the younger adults who daily work with seniors. \* Please remember to thank your senior "older generation" during the month of May.

## Senior Living



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## Are you a senior crafter?

The Seniors Craft Shoppe is seeking new members. Any creative Ventura County senior over 50 years of age - male or female - is eligible to apply. It is a great place to make new friends as well as an outlet for selling handcrafted items.

Applications are available in the shop, located at 429 East Main Street in downtown Ventura. Shop hours are 10 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday and 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday.

Please just go in or call 643-3059 for further information.

In the U.S., the population of seniors more than tripled, from 13 million in 1950 to 40.8 million in 2010, a total gain of 213%.

World population is projected to increase 3.7 times from 1950 to 2050, but the number of those aged 60 and over will increase by a factor of nearly 10.

Among the elderly, the "oldest old" - i.e., those aged 80 and over - is projected increase by a factor of 26.

## National Stroke Awareness Month

In honor of National Stroke Awareness Month, SCAN Health Education Center in Ventura is offering two free programs to help local seniors learn more about their risk for stroke and ways to prevent it. Stroke is the third leading cause of death and the number one cause of adult disability in the nation.

On Wednesday, May 21, SCAN will once again team up with Community Memorial Health Systems to offer StrokeAware, a free mini-stroke screening program that could

save a life. StrokeAware screenings are offered as a prevention strategy to identify and educate those who are at risk. Participants have their blood pressure taken in both arms and are given EKG rhythm strip and carotid auscultation tests as well as non-fasting cholesterol and glucose tests. The free screenings will be offered (to new StrokeAware participants only) from 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments are required.

On Tuesday, May 27, at 10 a.m., SCAN will offer Eat to Beat Stroke, a health education program that will discuss nutrition strategies for stroke prevention. Food samples will be provided. There is no cost to attend but registration is required.

"We are pleased to once again offer stroke awareness programs to our community in honor of National Stroke Awareness Month," said Steve Lehman, manager of the SCAN Health Education Center. "Seniors are encouraged to take advantage of these free screenings and learn more about their risks for stroke."

A stroke, or "brain attack," occurs when a blood clot blocks an artery or a blood vessel breaks, interrupting blood flow to an area of the brain. When either of these things happens, brain cells begin to die and brain damage occurs. When brain cells die






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# Senior Living



On Thursday, May 1, Meditech Health Services sponsored a juried Senior Art Show at their offices located at 1650 Palma Drive. Hors d'oeuvres were provided and served by Girl Scout Troop 60205.

There were senior artists from throughout Ventura County, including Cypress Place Senior Living, SCAN, Veterans Home of Ventura and the Victoria Care Center.

The winning artist was Nina Guerreo with her amazing fabric paintings.

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during a stroke, abilities controlled by that area of the brain are lost. These abilities include speech, movement and memory.

Both programs will take place at the SCAN Health Education Center, 6633 Telephone Rd., Suite 100. For information or appointments, call 658-0365.

All senior adults living in Ventura are invited to attend from 11:30am to 1:00pm. A free Buffett lunch will be served at the conclusion. Please RSVP by calling 671.9700 or for more information call 794.4605.

## Ventura Council On Aging

The Ventura Council On Aging (VCOA) will have its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 15th, from 9:30 to 11:30 am, at the Catalina Conference Room, 505 Poli Street (accessible from the rear parking lot of City Hall), at city hall.

The VCOA is designated by the Ventura City Council as the representative organization of all seniors in the City of Ventura. The VCOA meets on the third Thursday of the month to consider and gather input on local issues important to seniors.

The Ventura Council On Aging will be co-hosting a Senior Information Forum along with The Bonaventure on Tuesday, May 27th at The Bonaventure. The site is located at 10949 Telegraph Road, Ventura, in the Clubhouse.

## What does OLLI taste like?

Taste of OLLI lectures are being offered in Ventura beginning on Wednesday, May 28 in the VACE Conference Room 5200 Valentine Rd, Ventura, from 1-3 pm and in Thousand Oaks beginning on Saturday, May 31st in the CSUCI Marin Classroom, 501 Marin St. These seven lectures are part of the CSUCI-Osher Life Long Learning (OLLI) program for those 50+ whose "curiosity has never retired" as a preview of courses being offered in the Fall of 2014. The enrollment fee is \$15.00 per single lecture, or \$90.00 for the entire series. View the entire seven lectures, time and subject titles at: <http://ext.csuci.edu/community-ed/osher/index.htm>

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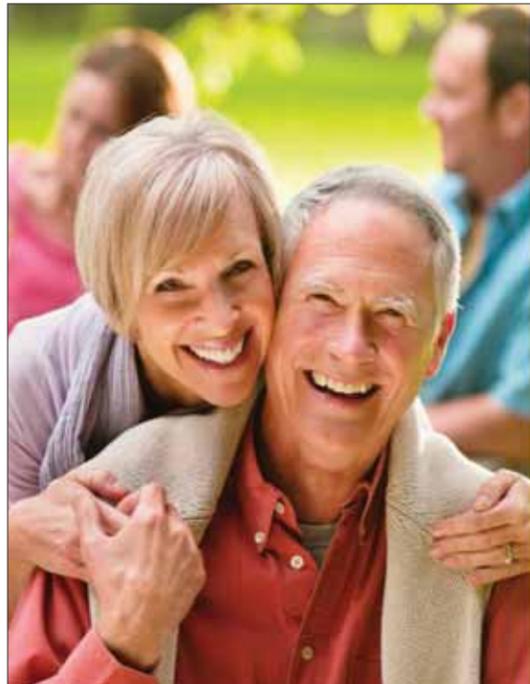
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## News and Notes



Evan Palmisano and Devin Kress learning to cook on a Dutch oven. Their parents hope that they will start cooking their own meals.

### Boy Scouts of America Annual Camporee

by Don Kress

The Ventura County Council of the Boy Scouts of America held its annual Camporee on May 3rd -5th at Camp Willett in Ojai. Despite high temperatures over the weekend, between 475 to 500 Boy Scouts and adult leaders from Boy Scout troops throughout the county competed against each other in contests of skills and physical ability. One Scout in attendance was an exchange student from Germany. Adult volunteers and leaders worked behind the scenes for months to make this year's Camporee even more successful than last year.

This year's theme was "200

Years of the Star Spangled Banner" with events focused on skills learned throughout the year and focused on teamwork and Scout spirit. Events such as first aid, fire building, knot tying, outdoor cooking, camping etiquette, and orienteering (compass) were in full swing. Other events included Canoe Portage, Flag Lashing and Raising, Axe Throw, Blind Tent Building along with a Scout and Adult Dutch Oven Cook-off. Devin Kress, Senior Patrol Leader from Troop 119 based in Montalvo said, "I look forward to Camporee, it gets better every year."

### Fusion set for start of soccer season

by Danny Page

Soccer's World Cup in Brazil is just around the corner, and with it, the nation's focus will surely be fixed on the world's game. Ventura County has always been a hub for the sport of soccer, and leading the way is the region's top minor league sports franchise, the Ventura County Fusion.

For nearly a decade, Fusion has brought some of the world's top teams to the area, and will do so again this summer as the 2014 season gets underway. Fusion will host two key games as they battle rivals OC Blues (May 24) and LA

Misioneros (May 31) at the Ventura College Sportsplex.

Fusion plays most of its matches in the 4th division of soccer in the US (Think Single-A or Double-A baseball), the United Soccer Leagues Premier Development League. The PDL is a conglomeration of nearly 70 teams that stretch from Vancouver to Vermont, from Ocala, Florida to Tucson, Arizona.

Ventura County Fusion is always one of the top teams in this challenging league, having reached the playoffs each of the last five seasons. Fusion won the Premier Development League title in 2009.

Fusion is loaded with top talent, as players have come from around the world to be a part of this franchise. English standouts Peter Gregory and Harry Noon have joined the squad this season, and these talented players from across the pond are joined by California college standouts like Javan Torre of UCLA, who is also a U.S. U-20 international, and local stars like Michael Roman, who attended Rio Mesa and played college soccer at Louisville.

"Ventura County Fusion is thrilled to yet again bring world-class soccer to the area for the 2014 season," Fusion Owner and GM Ranbir Shergill said. "Over the years, we've established a tradition of developing young talent, and helping our players move on to play at the highest level," Shergill said, "And that's very important. But at the end of the day, walking away as champions is also a huge priority."

In just eight years, Fusion has had more than 60 players move on to play as professionals, whether in Major League Soccer, USL PRO or abroad.

Fusion continues its championship chase through July with all home games played at Ventura College. For more information on kickoff times and tickets visit [www.VCFusion.com](http://www.VCFusion.com).

### Fundraiser for family of Chris Prewitt

Chris Prewitt, the Ventura educator that was killed while jogging was training for the Mountains 2 Beach marathon on May 25. The organizers of the marathon have agreed to let his family and friends complete the marathon in his honor as a relay with over 75 runners who will be out on the course including his family, dear friends, colleagues from Foothill and De Anza as well as his Buena water polo team running in his honor.

T-shirts for the event will be sold as a fundraiser for Chris's family prior to the race for the actual runners and post-race in a booth at the finish line.

Chris touched so many people...this is a small token of what we can do to show what he meant to all of us. His wife Erin and daughter Izzy will be running the last 1.4 miles of the race to finish it off for Chris.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call 503-349-0139.



# Professor Scamp, Ph.D

(Pretty Happy Dog)



Professor Scamp  
Ph.D

Our first Felix 'N Fido Bring Me Home Adoption Festival was so good that the Breeze and CABODogz is putting on another even bigger one (does that make it

annual?).

So calling all pet vendors sign up for booth space at this fun family day at the beautiful Ventura Harbor, main lawn on Saturday June 28.

The entire event is about adoption and rescue of our homeless pets. Last year, our first year, we had approximately 60 dogs and cats participate with about 20 adoptions! This year proves to be bigger and better, with a bigger lawn space, vendors selling pet items and of course the emceed Red Carpet Walk for all adoptees. The event will be well advertised and attended by pet lovers and people looking for a dog(s) to adopt.

A 10x10 area booth space is only \$50. So call Mindy at 320-3203 to reserve your spot on the lawn.

■ In an effort to reduce overcrowding at the two Ventura County animal adoption centers, Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) is offering discounting adoption rates on dogs and cats to \$25 per animal. The regular adoption rate is \$125 per animal. The discounted pricing will be in effect until further notice.

Overcrowding in our shelters has become a very serious problem because there are many more dogs coming into the shelters than are being adopted. As nice as it is intended the fact that the county has a goal of being a no-kill county the amount of dogs in shelters is becoming enormous (Especially Chihuahuas and pit bulls).

"We are currently full to capacity and housing more than 500 animals at our adoption centers in Camarillo and Simi Valley "said Tara Diller director of VCAS. "Our immediate goal is to find new homes for 200 plus animals in order to bring our populations back down to more manageable numbers. Our long term goal is to empty our shelters and find loving homes for each and every animal."

For more information or to view photos of VCAS adoptable animals online, go to: [www.vcas.us](http://www.vcas.us) and read my column.

■ Golfers, animal lovers and tournament sponsors are needed for the inaugural "Putts Fore Paws" golf tournament and charity fundraiser

to benefit Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) on Monday, June 23.

The tournament, a four-person scramble (Is that like a scrambled egg?) format at Spanish Hills Country Club, will offer participants access to one of the finest, private golf courses in Ventura County while, at the same time, provide them with the opportunity to contribute to the care and comfort of Ventura County's homeless animals

To register, go to [www.puttsforepaws.org](http://www.puttsforepaws.org). The cost is \$225 and includes green fees, golf cart, lunch, dinner and entertainment. Tournament sponsorships, ranging from \$250 - \$1,000, are also available. In addition, VCAS will host on-site tournament pet adoptions with golfers receiving a reduced adoption fee of \$18 per animal.

For more information on the tournament, contact Tournament Co-Chairs, Bill and Joy Putinta: 482-1702 or email [puttsforepaws@verizon.net](mailto:puttsforepaws@verizon.net). For sponsorship opportunities, contact VCAS Volunteer Coordinator, Brooke Novak, at 388-4345 or [VCAR.volunteer@ventura.org](mailto:VCAR.volunteer@ventura.org)

■ There is a lot of controversy going on regarding off leash dogs at Marina Park. People who take their dogs there feel that there should be a fenced off off-leash park for us dogs. I think this is a good idea, and there is certainly enough grass area there to support such a park. People who want that are working with the city to see if this can happen.

In the meantime, we have two off-leash legal dog parks (and one unofficial at Cemetery Park which is even more controversial).

Arroyo Verde-Tuesday-Sunday from 6 to 9am, excluding holidays and days reserved for special events (Isn't it a special event if dogs are there?)

Camino Real Park-Has two fenced areas, one for us smaller dogs, but we don't like to be in it, it makes us feel inferior. We can keep up with the bigger dogs anytime. From dawn to dusk. And remember to always pick up after your dog.

■ Such a good news story that I need to share it with you. A carrier-pit bull mix, who got out of his backyard during Superstorm, Sandy was located at a shelter by the couple who lost the dog during the storm. After looking for Reckless for months they finally just gave up hope.

So when they went to a shelter looking for a new dog they approached the first cage and were shocked to see Reckless there. That brings tears to my old eyes, how about yours?

## Forever homes wanted

Hi: I'm Gretchin, a 10 1/2-year-old Pit Bull mix who was rescued from Animal Regulation by C.A.R.L.'s Sam's Senior Dog Rescue Project where I was taken as a stray. I'm grateful to be given a chance to live out my life in the comforts of a home as a cherished member of a loving family. Sadly people by-pass the older dogs for whatever reasons they may have. Senior dogs make loving companions just as younger dogs do. We deserve the chance for a family and home to call our own.

I'm a really sweet girl who loves people and attention. I hope it's not long before I'm a cherished member of a loving family. If you are interested in fostering call the Adoption Center at 644-PETS(7387).



Hi: I'm Josie, an 11-year-old Parson Russell Terrier who gets along with other dogs and knows what she wants in life. I would love some adult parents since

sometimes the little ones play too roughly with me and I can become timid. I would make an amazing road trip navigator, perched on the front seat of an RV watching the mountains pass by, or as a late night Scrabble partner. I have many more memories left to make - will that be with you? I am at the Ventura County Animal Services' Camarillo Adoption Center, 600 Aviation Dr. Animal ID number is A596324.



Hi: My name is Hershel and I am a tiny Chihuahua looking for my forever home. I was rescued by CABODOGZ from the Ventura County Animal Shelter. I am about 6-7 years old, and I'm still very playful. I love squeaky toys and chew toys! I am very sweet and loove people and other lil dogs. Come see me at Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding for Dogs 4692 Ventura Avenue or call 643-3647.



## Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)



Hi: I'm Lacey, a 10-year-old Tibetan spaniel, aren't I cute? I live in Ventura and love to take "power walks" with my best friend Donna.

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On May 2nd, retired drug detection K9 officer Adam, and his trainer Tracey, attended the Ventura Chamber of Commerce Connection Breakfast to promote the National Police Dog Foundation. A Fiesta Day event fundraiser will be held on May 17 at Cypress Place Senior Living to help support the foundation which raises funds to support K-9 programs for various law enforcement agencies across America, including the Ventura Police and Sheriff's K-9 units. Please try to attend to support my heroes.

# 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.

## Child Molestation

On Saturday, April 19th, at 6:00 p.m., the mother of a 10-year-old female called the VPD to report that Adolfo Cortez had molested her daughter earlier that day at Buena Lanes. The mother of the juvenile reported that Cortez was an employee of Buena Lanes.

On the 24th, Thursday, at 9:00 a.m., Cortez was contacted at Buena Lanes and was arrested for molestation charges related to this incident and a previous incident that was under investigation by VPD. Cortez was booked at VC Jail.

## Felony Vandalism

On Saturday, April 26th, at 8:53 a.m., VPD personnel were alerted to a window smash, which occurred to the front of the Police/Fire headquarters, in the 1400 block of Dowell Drive.

Police began a quick canvass of the surrounding area and located Anthony Rankin fleeing the area eastbound through a parking lot of a nearby business. Rankin complied with officers commands and was taken into custody.

Rankin was identified by a witness to the crime and caught on video surveillance. No one was injured during this incident.

## Purse Snatch

On Saturday, April 26th, at 1:24 p.m., the VPD received a call of a possible robbery

in progress near Trader Joes grocery store located in the Pacific View Mall. An officer located Uriel Estevez, who was being detained by a witness to the crime.

According to the victim, Estevez rode up behind her on a bicycle as she was walking near the front of the store. Estevez snatched the victim's purse off her right shoulder and rode off. A witness to the crime chased Estevez in a car. At some point, Estevez lost his balance on his bicycle and fell. The witness was able to detain Estevez until VPD officers could arrive.

## Vandalism

On Saturday, May 3rd, at 1:46 a.m., the VPD received several calls from residents in the 1100 block of Horizon Drive in response to a male subject yelling and smashing the windows of vehicles with a metal object.

The responding officers located the suspect, Richard Ramirez, who was holding a length of metal pipe and acting in a bizarre manner. As the officers attempted to calm Ramirez down, he ran into the backyard of a residence in the 7000 block of Sunrise Court and began running towards the sliding glass doors of the residence.

The officers apprehended Ramirez before he could reach the residence and was taken into custody after a brief struggle with the officers. It was discovered that Ramirez, who did not live in the neighborhood, had vandalized several vehicles in the area.

Ramirez was transported to VCMC for treatment of minor injuries he sustained as a result of his resisting arrest. Once he was medically cleared he was transported to VC Jail for booking.

## Carl Morehouse new SCAG President

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competitive. If one of these "E's" gets too far ahead of the others, we all lose in the end."

Morehouse is one of the few professional land use planners to reach the top of the SCAG leadership. He was in the planning department of Ventura County for 20 years and is now a Ventura City Councilmember.

He has brought that perspective to the city council and to SCAG. "I've trained my whole career to work on consensus building through a public process for the balanced good of all. Planning isn't just about zoning or setbacks. It's an interdisciplinary practice. To do it right you need to look at issues from all angles."

Morehouse was a key proponent of SCAG's current 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy which identified more than \$524 billion in transportation-related investments, that would create - directly and indirectly - more than 500,000 jobs per year and yield a return of \$2.90 for every dollar spent. It is a prime example of how SCAG can combine the transportation planning needs with the desires

to reduce the impact travel has on the environment while still maintaining a political and economic system that provides opportunities. In other words: Balancing the three E's.

Morehouse said that a second objective of his presidency will be to ensure that smaller communities recognize SCAG as a resource for their city governments. "Smaller communities might not have a fulltime planning department and they might need assistance with population and demographic or land use analysis," said Morehouse. "They need to know that SCAG can help them. SCAG can provide that information so they don't have to pay an outside consultant." Morehouse said one key aspect of his presidency shall be to reach out to the city managers and leaders in small communities of 25,000 population or less.

## Annual Volunteer Appreciation

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prepared by the CMH Cafe staff and was delicious as usual. All 105 volunteers who attended had a wonderful time visiting with co-volunteers and left full of good feelings and

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wonderful food. The Auxiliary Activities Committee Clara Alviani Chair, Judy Miller Co-Chair with Ann Warnagieris, and Angie Hall worked with CMH staff to make each seating festive. Evon Rubenstein prepared all the special placemats and Ray Cavellero provided the sign in documentation.

The Community Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is accepting applications for new Volunteers. For information about the Auxiliary and to obtain an application form please call CMH Auxiliary front desk at 652-5043.

## Mailbox

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Christy Weir has been out for so long (Since March 3). While at City Hall, we inquired about her and were informed

that she was "under the weather." That was quite some time ago.

Can you provide any insight? If it is a personal or private matter, it is completely understood. This is simply an inquiry regarding one of respected community leaders from her constituents.

Thank you  
Name withheld

*Dear name withheld:*

*Not overly personal and private (except for some of the sordid medical details she doesn't want me to make public). About three months ago she had an emergency appendectomy that had ruptured. She ended up developing a serious intestinal infection so between this and the antibiotics she been struggling quite a bit. Feeling better, and hopefully will be back on city council and life very soon.*

*In the meantime the council had to approve of her being absent for more than 3 times as specified in our charter.*

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## Show Time



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### All around town

by Pam Baumgardner  
VenturaRocks.com

W20 at the top of The Watermark played host Thursday, May 8, for a special invite only Rixton concert. About 30 lucky 105.5 radio contest winners attended the intimate noon time show. The British pop rock R&B band have been getting traction with their first single, *Me and My Broken Heart*. You may have caught them performing it in the past month on both the Voice and the Ellen DeGeneres Show.

How cool is it that Nathan McEuen can be found playing at Amigos for Happy Hour on Tuesdays; and how cool is it that his Nitty Gritty Dirt Band dad, John McEuen, stopped by to sit in for a few songs on Tuesday, May 6? VERY COOL.

The headliner for the Roadshow Revival: a Tribute to the Music of Johnny Cash will be Grammy Award Winners, Los Lobos. Other acts on the bill for the all day festival June 14 at the Fairgrounds will be The Paladins, Dale Watson, James Intveld, and much more. See [www.RoadshowRevival.com](http://www.RoadshowRevival.com).

It's out with the old and in with the new as The Chaotic Knights retire their name as they welcome their new lead singer, David Cunningham on board. They're renaming the band Whiskey Stone.

By the way, Martha Davis of the Motels never sounded better when she headlined the Ventura Beach Festival May 3; the Surfaris kicked some serious butt as well.

Hi-Hat Entertainment welcomes Kim Wilson (Fabulous Thunderbirds) to Yolie's on Friday, May 16; Reverend Horton Heat will be at the Majestic Ventura Theater on May 23, the Green on the 26th and Against Me! on the 27th. And not only is the restaurant back, but the Hong Kong Inn is offering late night music on most weekends again.

Discovery has been ramping up getting ready to offer music on a more consistent basis. Look for Wailing Souls and Prezident Brown on May 23, and Hollywood U2 (tribute band) on May 25. Ticket information can be found on their website [www.DiscoveryVentura.com](http://www.DiscoveryVentura.com). They're also looking for local bands to showcase throughout the summer, just so you know.

Special guest, Doug Webb, will join Tico Trio later this month at Squashed Grapes on Saturday, May 31. Webb has been featured on over 500 recordings for hundreds of artists including Quincy Jones, Freddie Hubbard, and Stanley Clarke; he also has recorded for hundreds of movies and television shows including The Family Guy orchestra.

And finally, work continues for Ventura Music Week; mark it on your calendar now for June 6 – June 15th with the official kickoff party on Thursday, June 5; details coming soon.

Do you have any music related news or upcoming shows you want help publicizing? Send all information short or long to [Pam@VenturaRocks.com](mailto:Pam@VenturaRocks.com).

Two on the Aisle

### Art for Art's sake in *The Art of Something*

by Jim Spencer and Shirley Lorraine

Playwright Tom Eubanks has concurrent careers. He is a playwright who has spent decades developing and polishing his skills. He is also as a licensed private investigator. His efforts in both fields come together well in his latest script, *The Art of Something*, which is enjoying its debut production now through June 1 at Oxnard's Elite Theatre Company.

*The Art of Something* is a dramady (a play with strong doses of comedy and drama) about a competent, but burned-out, L.A. private eye named Art who has also recently begun experiencing symptoms of agoraphobia (a fear of public places and attendant panic attacks). The action revolves around how these issues affect Art's professional and personal lives, as well as his newly adopted artistic avocation of painting nudes.

Along the way Art resolves two cases, heals a marriage, confronts some personal demons, expands his personal horizons, and helps others re-connect – all the while the audience enjoys some thoughtful insights shared by the characters, plus a number of good laughs.

Overall, the plot is intricate, stylish and refreshing in its structure, concept and approach to the topics it tackles. The humor in the piece comes not from a series of punch lines, but from both the extraordinary, but believable, situations that confront Art, plus the comedic nuances provided by the characters.

Eubanks knows how to develop characters and give them a richness and texture over the course of the play. They are not one dimensional, as those usually found in a straight comedy. Rather, they are literate, thoughtful and well-read, which makes the observations the characters offer appealing and acceptable.

The eleven members of the cast have the talent, experience and depth required to make the play work. David Colville plays Art, the conflicted investigator, with apparent ease. Vivien Latham, as Art's wife, displays her exquisite professional versatility as her character experiences unexpected emotional and physical events.

Roger, Art's outside operative (a la Nero Wolfe), is portrayed with comic flair by Scott Blanchard. Maranda Mobley, Art's co-ed model Sedona, is congenial and convincing. Terry Fishman is a delight as Art's kookie client, as are Robert Sabotka and Eric McGowan who play different, unusual clients.

Both Allison Williams (Art's daughter) and Sandra Demongenes (Sedona's mother) ignite their scenes with energy in pivotal roles. Christina Colombo and Michelle Wagner play a mother-daughter team who are potential clients for Art.

All new plays experience post production refinement after their inaugural presentation. In this case the trimming of some character banter and judicious editing will undoubtedly help cut the play's running time (2-3/4 hours on the night we attended, including the intermission) to a more audience-palatable length.

*The Art of Something* runs until June 1, 2014 at the Elite Theatre Company

## VFS SEASON 6

### Finding Vivian Maier

*Finding Vivian Maier* charts the impossible story of a breathtaking artist who very nearly remained a total undiscovered mystery. Found in trunks buried deep within forgotten storage lockers were 100,000 photographs charting the life of Vivian Maier (1926 –2009), one of the 20th century's greatest street photographers. Although born in the U.S., Maier spent most of her youth in France. She returned to the U.S. in 1951 and took up work as a nanny and care-giver for the rest of her life. Working mostly in Chicago and New York City, she roamed from family to family. The film's co-director, John Maloof, discovered Maier's discarded photos in an auctioned storage

in the Channel Islands Harbor at 2731 S. Victoria Ave., Oxnard. Curtain: 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. \$18-General. \$15-Seniors/students. Info, reservations and tickets: (805) 483-5118. [www.elitetheatre.org](http://www.elitetheatre.org)

### Fading Gigolo



Movie Review by Andrea Gibb  
[andregibb@hotmail.com](mailto:andregibb@hotmail.com)

Ready to abandon sci-fi, action, and vampires for a while? John Turturro directs and stars in a new comedy that thinking, feeling grown-ups will love. *Fading Gigolo*, also featuring Woody Allen, Vanessa Paradis, Liev Schreiber, Sharon Stone, and Sofia Vergara, has the feel of a Woody Allen movie, and in fact, Turturro gives Allen plenty of room to do his usual metaphysical ruminating. Onscreen, they perfectly contrast one another – Turturro with his brooding Mediterranean brand of soul, and Allen with his well-honed neurotic dithering.

When Murray (Allen) can no longer employ Fioravante (Turturro) in his bookshop, he hatches a plot to connect him with a wealthy woman who's looking for a man. In fact, it's his dermatologist, (Sharon Stone) who wants a man for a threesome that includes her friend, Selima (Sofia Vergara). But first, they each want to test him out individually. Fioravante pleases Dr. Parker so well, she wants to get to know him better. But, as he remains aloof, she tells him, "You're top shelf...hard to reach." Sofia Vergara appears in a pair of astronomically high heels and proceeds to slink around the room without a single teeter. I was holding my breath.

Fioravante, at first a reluctant gigolo, warms to the role as he begins to perceive himself as a service provider. His professional detachment fades however when he meets Avigal, the Hasidic widow of a rabbi. Vanessa Paradis, with downcast eyes (and the large gap between her front teeth that rivals David Letterman's) is utterly charming as a cloistered woman who aspires to both uphold her orthodox beliefs and sexual awakening.

Turturro's direction, like Allen's in the movie Manhattan, reveals New York City with affection and artistry: neighborhood streets carpeted with golden leaves, a hidden alcove in Central Park with a delicate trickling waterfall. At

box and subsequently brought her work to light. The film charts his obsessive quest to piece together a near-complete Maier archive, and the ever-deepening enigma of her equally obsessive, inwardly drawn identity. The VFS is proud to present *Finding Vivian Maier*, as the 8th film of our 2014 season. We thank all of our donors, volunteers, patrons, and sponsors, especially the Ventura Breeze, for supporting our mission of bringing dynamic international films and filmmakers to Ventura. The VFS Screening Room is located at 420 E. Santa Clara. Advance Tickets & Memberships can be purchased at [www.venturafilmsociety.com/tickets.html](http://www.venturafilmsociety.com/tickets.html). Visit [www.venturafilmsociety.com](http://www.venturafilmsociety.com) for screening information. Info Line - 628-2299 / [info@venturafilmsociety.com](mailto:info@venturafilmsociety.com). The Ventura Film Society – We Bring People Together In The Dark.

times, the story unfolds without words, a simple gesture or facial expression serving to further our understanding.

And if your musical tastes are eclectic, you'll find the score a treat that ranges from jazz classics and Dean Martin, to modern French and Italian songs.

Trivia: French born Vanessa Paradis has two children with Johnny Depp, her partner of 14 years. She recorded the song, *Tu si' 'na Cosa Grande* used in the soundtrack of *Fading Gigolo*.

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## Music Calendar

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Fri 5/16 – Red Ball Jets

Sat 5/17 – Vital Itch

Fri 5/23 – Custom Made

Sat 5/24 – 4 on the Floor

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Mon 5/26 – The Green

Tues 5/27 – Against Me!

### The Patio at Player's Casino

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Fri 5/16 – Theresa Russell

Sat 5/17 – The Bomb

Fri 5/23 – Jeanne Tatum trio

Sat 5/24 – Brandon Ragan

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10 pm Rotating DJs

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# Lighter Breeze

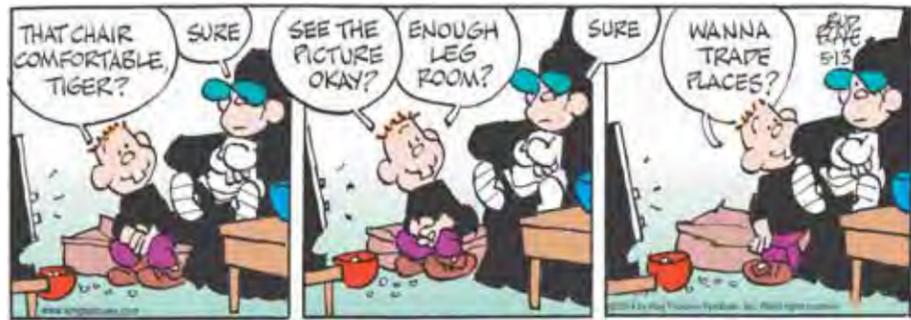
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Tiger



Sam and Silo



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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate   ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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## King Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1 Boar's mate  
4 Deteriorate  
7 Blender setting  
12 N.A. section  
13 GI's mail address  
14 Game venue  
15 Transgression  
16 Precursor  
18 Coop dweller  
19 Calamari  
20 Mideast nation  
22 Sailors' org.  
23 Existed  
27 Handle  
29 Alluring quality (Var.)  
31 Nome dome home  
34 Duck  
35 Escargots  
37 Strike  
38 Hybrid pooch  
39 — Baba  
41 Region  
45 Production number?  
47 Japanese pond carp  
48 Snack for Wimpy  
52 Tractor-trailer  
53 Pong creator  
54 "Rocks"  
55 Tray contents?

**DOWN**

1 Futomaki e.g.  
2 Wickerwork willow  
3 Would like to, colloquially  
4 Bleacherites' calls  
5 Not transparent  
6 Doughnut shape  
7 Picked up the tab  
8 Grecian vessel  
9 Rule, for short  
10 Away from WSW  
11 Corn spike  
17 Bob's longtime pal  
21 Ring used in a throwing game  
23 Matilda's dance  
24 Flightless bird  
25 Scepter  
26 Before  
28 Scale member  
30 Wahine's accessory  
31 Doctrine  
32 Wildebeest

33 Long. crosser  
36 Dino's tail?  
37 Full of modern gadgetry  
40 Reason  
42 Gumbo ingredients  
43 Din  
44 Two-by-four?  
45 Witticism  
46 Vicinity  
48 Owns  
49 Lawyer (Abbr.)  
50 Scratch  
51 Underwear with under wire

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## Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is a vital public service

by Kris McDonald  
Battalion Chief, Ventura City Fire Department

EMS Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Paramedics across the Country. From May 18 - 24 is National EMS Week. The theme this year is "EMS: Dedicated. For life." It is an opportunity to recognize that the emergency responders who arrive at your house are both skilled and educated professionals. These professionals come to you with the training, equipment, and capability to handle any emergency. Access to quality and timely emergency care dramatically improves the survival and recovery rate of those who experience sudden illness or injury. Emergency responders are closely supported by dispatchers, law enforcement, emergency nurses, and emergency physicians.

Ventura City Fire Department is the only local fire department that provides Paramedics, or Advanced Life Support (ALS), on every apparatus. As the closest and fastest ALS resource available to the sick and injured in our City we can and do make a significant difference. Last year we responded to over 12,500 calls for service, the majority of which were medical related. While stretched thin, these

incidents were successfully managed by only 6 fire stations, and with only 22 personnel on-duty each day.

Ventura City Firefighters engage in thousands of hours of specialized training and continuing education to maintain and enhance their own lifesaving skills. However they also play a critical role in public outreach and injury prevention by providing training to the laypeople of our community. Programs such as CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) provide a no-cost, comprehensive course in basic disaster and emergency preparedness, and conclude with a live disaster simulation drill. Firefighters also visit local schools, social organizations, and elderly communities providing information and demonstrations on both fire and life safety, including a new program called "Sidewalk CPR".

Ventura City Firefighters proudly serve their citizens 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They do so in the face of extreme danger and ultimate self-sacrifice. Please take the time to recognize them and the services they provide for you.

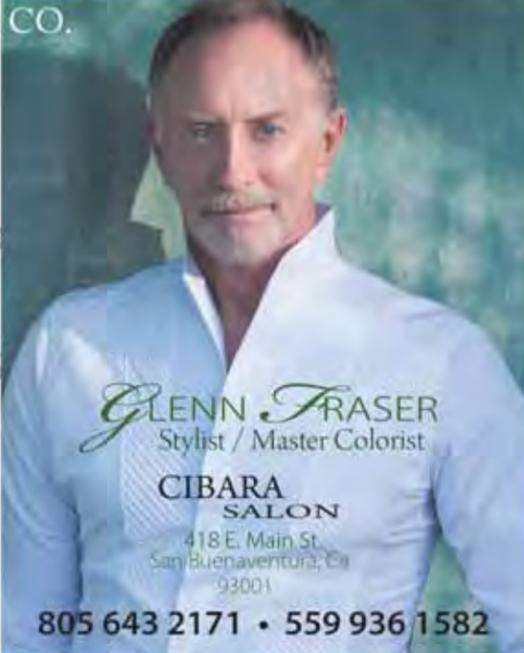
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*Breeze: This is the last article to be written for us by Kris McDonald because he has just been promoted to a battalion chief so won't have time to write. But another firefighter will be writing for us so don't despair.*

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## This 'n' That

### Extended Learning Academy

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experience. "This summer classes will be offered at the Ventura Avenue Center. In the Fall of this year, classes will also be offered at the Salvation Army, at St. Paul's Church, and at the Buenaventura Mobil Home Estates." She mentioned that since Ventura College stopped offering community classes through the Kalidscope about five years ago due to lack of funding for the state and city. Thus, "Nonprofits such as the Extended Learning Academy continue to expand upon their offerings."

"My students teach me and I teach them. I've found my true calling. My passion," Montgomery said. "The Extended Learning Academy will lead to improving the quality of our lives. I'm watching a trend of "super seniors" (who are 90 and above), because research data proves that we're living longer than any time in history, because of exercise, better food, and medical technology. And seniors are the largest voting bloc, since seniors always vote."

Montgomery added, "What happens to people after they retire?" She said that, "It's important to stay engaged in living and learning; since the brain is still active in people who retire. I never look at seniors as anyone other than my friend. There is a magical synergism. Seniors regain and maintain their memory by empowerment. I'm empowering people to be successful in learning and remembering."

"We want to focus on community and senior programs and classes. The classes will be targeted to all ages and several dedicated to inter generation," says Montgomery. "We will specifi-

cally have professional acting classes and cooking classes."



Suz Montgomery says "My students teach me and I teach them." Photo by Bernie Golstein.

## Marine mammal sightings May

- 1st: 2000 Common Dolphin
- 2nd: 9 Humpback Whales  
3500 Common Dolphin  
50 Risso Dolphin
- 3rd: 11 Humpback Whales  
2 Gray Whales  
1 Blue Whale  
10 Pacific White Sided Dolphin  
1400 Common Dolphin
- 5th: 2 Gray Whales
- 6th: Trips Cancelled due to Weather
- 7th: Trips Cancelled due to Weather
- 8th: 2 Humpback Whales  
1386 Common Dolphin
- 9th: 7 Humpback Whales

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## Sylvia Raz at the Buena Ventura Gallery

Ojai artist Sylvia Raz recruited her own army of *Women on the Verge* to pose pointed questions in a May 20-June 14 solo exhibition with that title at the Buena Ventura Gallery in downtown Ventura.

Raz, a painter, potter and sculptor since the 1960s, will show about a dozen pieces of three-dimensional assemblage art – imaginative painted constructions representing female figures that incorporate found or discarded objects and clay creations. They are “mostly life-size works,” she said.

Creating assemblage art can be challenging, Raz said. “Working with found objects is not easy. Like working with stone, which I did for 20 years, you have to listen to it, you have to adapt yourself to its demands and physicality, you have to respect it. You can’t dictate arbitrarily, or else.”

An online gallery of Sylvia Raz’s art can be found at [www.sylviaart.com](http://www.sylviaart.com) and she is profiled at [www.ojaistudioartists.org](http://www.ojaistudioartists.org) and [www.focusonthemasters.com](http://www.focusonthemasters.com).

Buena Ventura Gallery, at 700 E. Santa Clara St., is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more about the nonprofit Buena Ventura Art Association, its programs, opportunities and artists, visit [www.buenaventuragallery.org](http://www.buenaventuragallery.org) or phone 648-1235 during gallery hours.



*Better Late Than Never*, featuring paintings by Orpha Woods Foster, is part of a yearlong exhibit project, *A Wrinkle in Time*, involving 12 independent venues, put on by *Caregivers: Volunteers Assisting the Elderly*. The WAV exhibit, for the month of June, is curated by WAV artist Sarah Kalvin and will show four watercolor paintings by the wife of E.P. Foster. From June 6 to 21, with a reception on First Friday June 6th, 6-9pm. WAV Theater Gallery - 175 S. Ventura Ave.

During the turn of the 19th century, watercolor painting flourished in California.

Amateur artists dabbled in the arts and many became proficient and well-known for their accomplishments. Among them is the notable Junie Harp, whose watercolor painting of the Foster House will be exhibiting at the *Better Late Than Never* reception.

Amateur painter, Orpha Woods Foster, will have her debut, and is the featured artist of the exhibit. She is significant because of her connection by marriage to one of Ventura County’s most notable philanthropists, Eugene Preston Foster, better known as E.P. Foster. His passion for the outdoors inspired her to enjoy painting local scenery.

Members of the Foster family will attend the reception to greet guests and answer questions about the lives of Orpha and E.P. Foster.



One of the largest fine art galleries in all of Ventura County! Located inside the Crowne Plaza Ventura Beach hotel, the gallery walls consist of the entire bottom floor of the hotel, the adjoined C-Street Restaurant and the attached California (banquet) Room. Gallery At The Crowne hosts three shows annually that provided art on the walls.

Currently the Spring '14 show is on exhibit and will remain until June 21. This show consists of over 75 pieces of fine art produced by 11 different artists and all of the work is for sale! The variety of subject matter and medium is eclectic and diverse which insures that there is something that will suit anyone’s preferences. The artwork ranges from original oil and acrylic paintings, to huge photographs on canvas, to limited edition hand pulled lino block prints.

An Artists’ Reception to celebrate the Spring '14 show will be taking place on Sunday, May 18, 4-6pm inside the Crowne Plaza. This event will be happening in the Santa Barbara Room, just across from the registration counter on the bottom floor. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event. Meet the exhibiting artists personally! Enjoy the hot and cold finger food supplied by the hotel and drink specials offered at the hotel’s Aqua Bar Lounge, which is part of the gallery!

Park in the hotel parking lot or in the public parking structure next door. All parking will be validated!



Lyrical Mystery, Acrylic by Jen Livia.

Experience the many rhythms, textures and movement in nature with Red Brick gallery’s newest exhibit *Nature’s Rhythm*. May 13 through July 8 with an artist reception on May 31- 6-9pm. With a combination of new artists and new works by some of Red Brick Gallery’s resident artists this show explores texture and movement in art. Some of Red Brick Gallery’s resident artists have been exploring new directions both in subject and medium. Stop in and join the colorful explosion and don’t miss the free artists reception with a variety of demonstrations and more.

# Art, a la Carte



The Vita Art Center presents Bill Dewey *New Waves*. Opening reception on Friday, June 6 from 6-9 p.m. Exhibit dates from June 6 - 30.

Bill Dewey is a native of San Diego County and attended Brooks Institute of Photography, the University of California at Davis and Rochester Institute of Technology. He has had his private pilot’s license since 1981 and bases his aerial photography out of Santa Barbara airport. Bill has been photographing the California landscape since taking up the camera in the early 1970’s and has had a photography studio/business in Santa Barbara for 30 years. Some of his favorite subjects include the California Channel Islands, the Carrizo Plain, Baja California, and the rural California landscape.

Vita Art Center  
432 North Ventura Ave. Studio 30  
[www.vitaartcenter.com](http://www.vitaartcenter.com)



The Ventura County Pottery Gallery is proud to present California potter Victoria Littlejohn Mullins at their members meeting Monday May 19. She will share her throwing techniques and other secrets with members and the community. Doors open at 7 pm. Program begins at 8 pm, 420 East Santa Clara St.

“Vikki” studied ceramics at U.S.C. from 1958 until 1962 at which time she earned her B.F.A. and M.F.A. degrees in ceramics and secondary teaching credentials. She was privileged to study pottery with Carlton Ball, Susan H Petersen, Peter Voukos and Marguerite Wildenhain. From 1962 - 1964 she was a studio assistant for local artist Tom McMillin.



Jim Murray’s solo exhibition of new work at Sylvia White Gallery, *Firsthand Yosemite: Winter Series*, will include over 40 paintings, drawings and photographs, responding to his countless experiences and personal connections established over the last three decades with the Yosemite National Park. The work shown in the exhibition is Murray’s effort to both meld as well as accommodate a sense of place with the realities inherent in the artistic process, both conceptually and in its visual response.

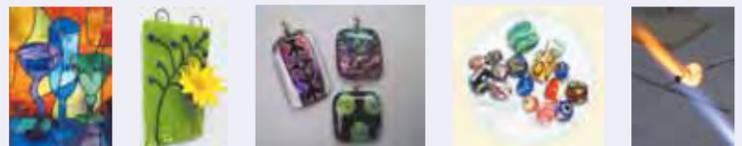
The exhibition includes a glimpse into that journey’s outcome to date. As such, the exhibition takes on a broader perspective, looking back at Murray’s early captivation and eventual commitment to the winter months in the park. While he is also drawn to other locations in the Southwest and Northwest, Yosemite will more than likely remain an ongoing focus of Murray’s work for years to come.

The Gallery will host an artist talk on Thursday, June 26 at 3 pm. The gallery is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, 11-5pm.

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Wed 5/14 – Bruce Lett & Friends

Thurs 5/15 – Nahum Zdybel Trio

Fri 5/16 – L.J. & the Boyz

Sat 5/17 – Donna Deussen & the Paul Weitz Trio

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Thurs 5/22 – Segue

Fri 5/23 – Ottsen, Flowers & Clark

Sat 5/24 – Tom Bruckner & Friends

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211 Santa Clara St.

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Fri 5/16 – The Caverns

Sat 5/17 – Blues Bullett

Fri 5/23 – Red Muffs

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Thurs 5/15 – Ventura Social Club

Fri 5/16 – The Legalizers

Sat 5/17 – Drunken Monkeys

Sun 5/18 – Luis Oliart

Thurs 5/22 – Ventura Social Club

Fri 5/23 – Pure Joy

Sat 5/24 – Mini Driver

Sun 5/25 – Rising Son

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Sat 5/17 – Jeff Uzzel & Kyle Swan

Thur 5/22 – Shoemaker Brothers

Fri 5/23 – Frank Barajas

Sat 5/24 – Benjamin Buttner

Sun 5/25 – Varon Thomas

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Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri 8pm

Fri 5/16 – Kim Wilson

Fri 5/23 – Teresa James and the Rhythm Tramps

## Centre for Art and Talk

On Thursday, May 15, from 9:30am to noon, The Centre for Art and Talk will have their formal opening/ribbon cutting with Mayor Heitmann and the Chamber of Commerce on hand. You are welcome to join the ribbon cutting! They are an art, social and music venue located at 2855 N. Johnson Dr., Unit A (near Toys R Us). The Centre for Art and Talk: Where everyone can speak and be heard.



# INTERACTIVE MURDER MYSTERY DINNER SHOW

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## So you think that you know who dunnit?

They say everybody loves a mystery. It must be so, as annually thousands of who-dun-it novels are purchased by arm chair detectives. If you don't have time for a leisurely read there is an alternative in Ventura.

The Dinner Detective Company has been staging murder mystery comedy dinner shows in Ventura for the last 18 months, but it has been around since 2004 and now has operations in most major U.S. cities. It has developed a masterful approach to efficiently presenting guest-engaging entertainment coupled with an epicurean experience.

Due to the off-the-cuff nature of each performance and because story lines are regularly changed, each presentation is unique, so repeat patrons will never see the same show twice. Additionally, guests can become immersed in the action or remain comfortably detached, as they wish.

On arrival guests create fictitious aliases that will be their identities for the night. The devise protects the guests' privacy and allows them the option of mixing fact with fiction while interacting

with other guests.

Guidance for the evening is provided by helpful hosts who share the nature of the program, as well as insights on how to identify the culprit(s) after the expected death unexpectedly occurs.

Following the host's welcome, guests are prompted to interview other guests, always using their fictitious identities. Blended in among the alias-using guests are practiced improvisational actors who are the hidden core of The Dinner Detective troupe. Pretending to be dinner guests, the unrevealed performers encourage guest camaraderie, drop hints and play other pivotal parts to help guests solve the crime(s).

Most of the mystery action occurs between courses of the excellent meal prepared by the Pierpont's chef, except the first victim bites the dust during the salad course.

Soon after the demise of the first victim two comic detectives show up to investigate the dastardly deed. They interview guests. They discover clues. The clues are reproduced and distributed to each table so every guest has both the time and an equal opportunity to identify the perpetrator(s?).

The Ventura cast is adroit at both improvisation and effectively engaging reluctant guests, all the while maintaining the necessary tempo for the piece and concurrently fostering a convivial atmosphere. It is all good fun.



**THE VENTURA BREEZE, Professor Scamp and CABODOGZ**  
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**Second Annual Felix 'N Fido**

**Bring Me Home Adoption Festival**

Sign up for booth space at this fun family day at the beautiful Ventura Harbor, main lawn on Saturday June 28. The entire event is about rescue and adoption of our homeless pets. This year proves to be even better than last, with over 15 local rescue groups participating, a bigger lawn space, vendors selling pet items and of course the Emceed Red Carpet Walk for all adoptees. The event will be well advertised and attended. Booth space is only \$50 and you may have a 10x10 area to set up your wares. Call Mindy at 320-3203 to reserve your spot on the lawn.



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