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It's About Time!

No longer will you have to wonder what is going on in our beautiful, seaside town - just pick up your latest copy of the VENTURA BREEZE.

By Staci Brown
BREEZE PUBLISHER

WELCOME to the first issue of the Ventura Breeze, the City of Ventura's only completely local newspaper dedicated to the people, businesses and community interests of Ventura. We are very excited about this publication and what it will bring to our city. With a focus on neighborhood news, local government, schools, service clubs, events, business happenings, activities and other updates about the changing city we live in, the Ventura Breeze is committed to covering news that is central to the people who want to stay in tune to what is happening in our beautiful city. The Breeze



Staci Brown
Publisher

will be published every other Wednesday and with a circulation of 10,000 copies will be available for free at various places throughout the city. In this first issue we bring to you a variety of stories. You will find coverage of upcoming election issues that are pertinent to our city of Ventura. We also share with you the story of an amazing 107-year old Venturan, Mildred Thompson. These are just some of the interesting stories you'll see in this issue. In upcoming issues we'll be covering more including high school and college sports, real estate, entertainment, and much more. We also feature an opinions section, which I personally believe will be an important part of the paper. The Breeze is dedicated to doing

more than just reporting on the happenings of this city. It will be an active participant in the community. We are dedicated to helping local businesses grow and thrive. As a resident of Ventura myself, my personal goal is to make the Breeze a central part of getting everyone to play a more active role in what happens in our city. The Breeze staff believes our newspaper should be about information. Some of that information will be news, public notices, interesting stories of achievements and updates on the progress or setbacks of the community. We don't believe all news needs to be serious. We do believe our readers need to have an equal voice in order to be successful. We want to make the Breeze a great publication and that means we'll need feedback from our readers—you.

Because the Breeze is for the community members of Ventura, a main goal is to make this publication a true forum for Venturans to express their thoughts.

This means, whether you agree or disagree, we want to hear from you. Please feel free to contact us to tell us what you think, what you see, what you want investigated and we promise to do our very best to deliver.

And please send your photos and stories regarding Ventura, we would like to print them also.

I hope you will enjoy our publication. I invite you to share it with your friends, colleagues and neighbors. Let us know what you think.

You can also meet us at booth 39 at the Ventura Business Marketplace & Conference on Oct. 26 at the Marriott Ventura Beach from 1-7 p.m.

It's Election Time!

IF YOU DO any traveling around town at all, it can't have escaped your notice that it's campaign season in Ventura. With City Council and School Board signs dotting every street corner, our local sign companies must eagerly anticipate this event when it rolls around every two years.

Ventura is one of the few cities in the county with any election activity on Nov. 6. In this general municipal election, we're voting to fill three spots on the City Council and two on the Ventura Unified School District Board of Education.

Also on the ballot is Measure C7, which will update the method the city uses to calculate and collect the Utility

User's Tax on telecommunications.

The City Council alternates the elections of its seven members every two

years. Three spots are up this year; four more will be voted upon in two years. The mayor and the deputy mayor are chosen by the council members following the municipal election. Each member serves a four-year term.

This year voters will have plenty of

candidates to choose from.

All three incumbents—Mayor Carl Morehouse, Deputy Mayor Christy Weir, and Councilmember Bill Fulton—are seeking re-election.

For an in-depth look at most of the candidates, local TV station CAPS-TV has posted excellent interviews with them on their website.

They are joined by challengers Lou Cunningham, a retired ham, a retired school facilities director, Mike Gibson, a business manager for Santa Barbara County Parks; Doug Halter, a local landscape business owner; Jerry Mar-

tin, a local tax consultant; Brian Lee Rencher, a community volunteer, and Carroll Dean Williams, a retired college professor.

Hot-button issues in this year's campaign include the possible addition of a Wal-mart on Victoria Avenue, the building heights of development in midtown, and generating more economic activity for the city. Various advocacy groups have been vocal about these topics.

With special issues getting a lot of attention, voters would do well to look at all of the positions a particular candidate holds.

Study the candidates' statements on

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citizens filled the Meeting Room in City Hall 28 to express their views on cannabis regulations.

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City News

Measure O to fund drug abuse and crime prevention

The Ventura Police Department (VPD) will step up prevention efforts on neighborhood drug and crime issues through Measure O funding. This was approved by the City Council during its regular meeting on September 25. The funding will be dedicated to a comprehensive plan developed by VPD that will specifically address narcotics and property crime issues by adding sworn officers onto the streets of the Ventura community.

"This funding will strengthen our ability to effectively respond to crime and narcotic activity, and further our long term efforts to improve the quality of life for Ventura residents," said Mayor Erik Nasarenko. "The revenue generated from Measure O is providing vital services we need in our community."

The Measure O funding for neighborhood drug and crime prevention is ongoing. The partial year appropriation is \$622,000 for non-sworn, non-safety, Police Officer Trainees. In subsequent years, the Trainee positions are expected to transition to 1 Police Sergeant and 4 Police Officers performing the full range of law enforcement duties and the appropriation will adjust to \$940,000 after five years.

The City of Ventura has the highest per capita Part 1 Crime Rate in Ventura County, driven most significantly

by property crimes. Additionally, Ventura has the highest incident of drug overdoses in Ventura County and receives more than 100 calls per year to its Narcotics Hotline regarding concerns of neighborhood and public space drug offenses. The Ventura Police Department has no dedicated resources to effectively respond to the problem.

Prior to the recession the Ventura Police Department had 13 Police Officers assigned to property crimes and drug narcotic investigations. There are now only seven Officers assigned to both areas, while reported property crimes have increased by more than 20%.

City Council speaks out

On October 2 the Ventura City Council supported a resolution opposing racism and violence brought forward by Councilmember Cheryl Heitmann.

Cheryl stated, "It was sparked by what happened in Charlottesville but seems it also applies again with the senseless violence in Las Vegas. I have left off the whereas part due to its length but here is the rest."

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of San Buenaventura does hereby resolve, find, determine and order as follows:

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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher-Editor

■ WOW, WOW and WOW! Pinch me - it can't be true that we just completed **our tenth year** of publication. Our first issue, on Oct. 24, 2007, is shown on this cover.

Besides not knowing anything about the newspaper business when Staci Brown and I launched the Ventura Breeze, we didn't know if Venturans would accept a very local newspaper, or if Ventura even needed one. It turns out both of these things turned out to be true. Ventura has embraced the Breeze and has come to love it. What I hear most from readers is, "We love reading the Breeze."

There are so many people to thank, so I'm sure I will overlook some very deserving people. I want to thank our dedicated readers, our fabulous advertisers who keep us in business, our unbelievable dedicated staff, and our writers, photographers and distributors.

All of the "Breezers" deserve a hearty thank you.

A few of these people have been with us since the beginning:

Staci Brown - who is now the Publisher Emeritus

Professor Scamp - who almost made it to our 10th year issue

Rebecca Wicks

Suz Montgomery

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Bill Green

A **special thanks** needs to go out to these people as well:

Alfred J. Lewis of studioNothing who does a great job laying out the paper and who also acts as my personal therapist by always telling me, "Don't worry we will get the issue out, have we ever missed one?"

And a very sincere thank you to Senior Account Executive **Breezy Gledhill** whose perseverance in selling ads keeps us afloat.

Without her, there wouldn't be the Ventura Breeze for you to read. And, the best part, is that she loves doing it and our advertisers love her too.

Thanks also to **Cindy Summers** for making our website, and Facebook pages look outstanding, along with writing some of our articles.

And to **Jaime and Ana Baker** for going way beyond with their great support of the Breeze - from delivering papers, to writing articles and creating great caricatures, to setting-up our (actually their) Ventura Breeze booth at all of the events we attend.

Last, but not least, I want to give a special shout-out to my wife, Diane, who no longer says to me, "Are you nuts getting up to write at 3am, and is this still costing us money?" And, who puts up with me every day (well, some days maybe not so much).

Here are a few lows that we saw during our ten years.

We lost a few wonderful contributors and friends:

The passing of Jim Spencer, who, with wife Shirley, wrote our theater reviews. Wonderful Shirley is carrying on with their family tradition.

Nanci Cohen, a friend and contributing writer.

Professor Scamp, my buddy, who I miss dearly every day.

Lance Cole, who always had a joke to tell.

Alfred Lewis' wonderful wife Cathy who kept Alfred focused and out of trouble (not an easy task) so he could work on the Breeze.

We also lost several Face of Ventura portrait sitters painted by Johanna Spinks. Not contributors, but they became a special part of the Breeze through their portraits and stories.

There have been many highlights, of course. Here are just a few:

Alfred, lying in a hospital bed at CMH,

working on an issue on his iMac.

The Face of Ventura portrait series by Johanna Spinks, and the amazing party that we had at the Museum of Ventura County to celebrate it.

Winning several awards (I'm sure I'm missing some) including:

Turning Point Foundation's Champions of Mental Health

Ventura County Area on Aging Optimal Aging Champion Award Age-Friendly Media Award

Ventura Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year

Sponsoring many non-profits and great events including Pier Under the Stars, CARL (Canine Adoption & Rescue League), and the City's Music Under the Stars.

Appearing on radio station KVTa and CAPSTV and now having a weekly radio show on **KPPQLP** (that I wouldn't have had if I didn't publish the Breeze).

Getting into trouble with our **April Fools' Day** issues -

Sharing just this one. We published a story about the City Council approving an absurd Walmart concept that included golf courses, ponds and bowling alleys. A gentleman who was shocked that the Council had approved this project appeared at a City Council meeting. After assuring him that it was a joke, ex-Councilmember Carl Morehouse looked at the CAPS camera and said, "Sheldon, we love ya, but don't do that again." Just the incentive that I need!

The paper going to **all color** and increasing in size.

And, personally, just being a big part of our glorious city. The many people who come up to me (from 13 to 93 and above) to tell me how important the Breeze is to them, and to Ventura. This alone makes it all worthwhile, and rewarding. **I thank you all again for supporting us.**

Here's to the next 10!

Why, oh why?

WHY DID we decide to publish a local, community-based newspaper in San Buenaventura? Well, we did it for very personal reasons.

We moved here from Los Angeles about seven years ago. We loved the unique, small-town atmosphere and sense of community, which was so very different from the urban sprawl of the cold, impersonal metropolis we'd left behind. We looked forward to becoming involved in community events and local activities—the kind of lifestyle you associate with smaller, coastal communities.

This, however, has not been the case.

Why? Because we don't have a community newspaper.

We often stroll past a local event and don't have a clue what it is. Shops open and close without us ever knowing about them. New restaurants and bars hold grand openings we would have attended—had we been aware of them. Local news just isn't easily accessible.

If you're really committed and have absolutely nothing else to do with your time, I guess you can scour every square-inch of some of our "so-called" local publications. Problem is that they fill their pages with news about other cities in Ventura County, as well as interna-

tional news and generic features. Even if you do take the time to read them all from cover to cover there's a good chance you still won't find a great deal of truly relevant, local news.

Most small cities have a local community newspaper. It's about time that Ventura had one too. That is why we are launching the Ventura Breeze. With a few exceptions we will only publish articles and information relevant to our city.

Thank you for reading the first edition of the Ventura Breeze. We welcome your feedback and hope that you'll find it to be a very enjoyable and valuable resource for many years to come. —SHELDON BROWN, *Publisher*

From our first issue.

Mailbox

Sheldon

You thought the three-strike law (sic) prevents this scenario? Really? An editor who can't distinguish between arrests and convictions?

Fred Pierce

Fred: Worse even I'm the publisher-editor. Thanks for the clarification. That is what you were doing, correct?

Dear Editor:

I have something I must say... Why don't people call or talk to each other anymore? There are many folks these days that appear to be so attached to

their devices that social skills have fallen by the wayside! Between social media and texting there is an apparent disconnect of humankind. I have called friends only to get a text message back and others have told me they only text and won't answer their phone or return voice mails. It seems so impersonal and robotic. I asked one friend (in a text) - "why don't people talk to each other anymore?" (hint hint) and she responded with yet another text so long she could probably have published it as a short novel. Texting contains no inflection of the words sent, therefore

interpretation is up to the recipient. I have observed entire families dining out and instead of talking with one another, they are each on their individual devices, except for the young ones who appear so lonely and lost, the eyes pleading for human interaction. It's so sad!

Jennifer Tipton

Ventura

Jennifer: Couldn't agree more. Recently I was having lunch and a couple was sitting next to me with 2 teen age kids and all 4 staring at their phones the entire time while eating. How sad for the lack of communicating.

Sheldon

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Locals speak out on pot laws

Part 2 of 2

by Paul Peterson

Ventura citizens filled the Community Meeting Room in City Hall on September 28 to express their views on the pending cannabis regulations.

The unity in the room was palpable as numerous personal stories were presented in favor of the need for easier access to medical cannabis, delivery services, convenient storefronts and growing pot, indoors and out. Responsible suggestions and positions in favor of these issues were offered. Several seriously ill patients expressed the difficulty of traveling outside the county to get medication due to our local restrictions. The overall message to the council was clear, that citizens want and expect our city to respond to the will of the people. It seemed the questions waiting for the council's answers at the October 9th meeting was not if but when and how fast to move.

"I'm glad we had the opportunity to hear from the community regarding the City's policy on marijuana/cannabis. We will be providing the City Council their options and recommendation at the October 9th City Council meeting", reported Jeffrey Lambert, Community Development Director.

It is expected that the recommendation will only include medical marijuana deliveries within the city and nothing for recreational access.

There is a great potential income to

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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGE

Our first "On Vacation" featured Christine Cardoso-Moore in Paris (now how did we have her with a Breeze in Paris in the first issue?) and in this issue we have her mom Rose Taylor reading the Breeze in Cuba just two weeks ago. She was on a cruise and had a wonderful time in Cuba.

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Congratulations to the Ventura Breeze

I want to thank all of these folks for the kind words celebrating our ten years. Congratulations certainly need to include all of the wonderful Breeze staff over the years who made this all possible.
Sheldon

If there is anything worth noting in town Sheldon is there with his signature blue cap and camera. The Breeze is the go to paper for what's happening in town- thank you Sheldon!!! Happy Birthday!
Michael and Angela - Very Ventura

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Proof of the impact one person can have on a community.
Thank you Sheldon!
Debbie Fox Fox - Fine Jewelry

Hearty and heartfelt congratulations on 10 years of publishing the Ventura Breeze! The Breeze has truly become a treasure to the city of Ventura. It wouldn't be possible without your wonderful dedication, guidance, and caring for the audience you serve so well. To you and all your staff, congratulations and keep up the great work!
Your friends at Cypress Place Senior Living
Mike Macke -Senior Director of Sales & Marketing

Wow. Ten years already? Congrats Sheldon! You and the Breeze newspaper are part of what makes Ventura a great community.
Best regards,
Lysa Urban

Have always loved reading the Breeze. The local coverage is so important to our community. Let's us all keep up on what is going on in Ventura!
Cheryl Heitmann - Ventura City Council

I am so grateful to have The Breeze in our community. I look forward to reading it cover to cover every couple weeks. Thank you Sheldon and Breezy for bringing us the best newspaper in Ventura!
Ashley Pope - SpiceTopia

Congratulations Sheldon and thank you Ventura Breeze for 10 years of reporting on important local issues and fostering a stronger community through information that is accessible to all citizens.
Mark Watkins - Ventura City Manager

I can't believe it's been 10 years! The Ventura Breeze is the perfect Hometown Newspaper! Grateful for you Sheldon and the Breeze team.
Adela Trainor - Berkshire Hathaway

Golden Future Expos sends a huge congratulations to the Ventura

Breeze Newspaper on their 10 years of success! You are a tremendous asset and source of information to the community...here's to 10 more!"
Toya Moore- Event Director

When my husband and I moved to Ventura years ago, the Ventura Breeze was my go-to paper to discover the ins and outs of this sweet town. We've come to love this beachside gem and the wonderful people who live here! Thank you Sheldon for making us feel so quickly part of this awesome community.
Teryn Bonime - Keller Williams Realty

I want to say Congratulations to the Breeze on 10 years. Your information and entertainment is essential to Ventura. We love the Breeze!
Christine Cardoso-Moore - RE Broker KW West Ventura County

I love the Breeze not only as a reader to catch up on lighthearted local news, but also as an advertiser, it represents what Ventura is... a friendly, small town with a heart.
Melody O'Leary-Namikas - Berkshire Hathaway

Thank you for the shout outs that help our nonprofit spay and neuter hundreds of animals. Your pet page is a big hit! I was reading it long before we started placing ads with Breezy. You keep us informed on what is happening in Ventura. Big Thanks!
Valerie Bereman - SPAN Thrift Store

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Susie Lamey - Heritage Honey

I can't believe it has been 10 years that you have been published! I am so incredibly proud of you. What an accomplishment!! Who would have thought that with the help of your "wonderful daughter", your idea would manifest into an essential platform for this community!
I thank the staff that has continuously supported you and many thanks to the community who "loves" and supports the Ventura Breeze! It just goes to show, that if anyone has an idea-go for it!
Staci Brown- Publisher Emeritus and "wonderful daughter"

Congratulations on your 10 year anniversary! We all love the Breeze newspaper!!!!
Cherryl Connally - Island Packers

I can't believe it has already been 10 years since the Breeze has published its 1st paper. From the moment I met you, I was impressed with your vision, tenacity and passion for the City of Ventura. The Breeze has proven to be Ventura's hometown paper. From the beginning, you were determine to get Ventura news in our homes and that is exactly what has happened. Because of you, we can celebrate the happenings taking place in our city. You include the items that are important to us and for this I am very grateful. I could not image the city of Ventura without The Breeze. Thank you for your incredible contribution

to our community.
Blessings,
Pastor Jim Duran

Happy 10th Birthday Ventura Breeze!! 10 years is pretty miraculous for any paper - especially one that is free! I am extremely grateful to be a part of this unique, local paper. This is a community effort and I'd like to express my gratitude to all our supporters, advertisers, readers, everybody involved in the making of each issue, as there are so many, and of course Scamp (RIP), Sheldon and Diane. You're making history!
Breezy Gledhill -Senior Account Executive

We smaller clubs and organizations thank you for always posting local activities, speakers, and continuing growth programs available to our community. Our American Contract Bridge League Unit offers games and classes for every level of bridge enthusiast. Sheldon, maybe we can get you to the tables soon!! Thank you as always.
Susan Lang

Sheldon's sense of humor always puts me in a better mood-never know what he is going to do or say like a box of chocolate, never know what you're going to get :)
Connie De La Rosa - Contributing Writer

Congratulations Sheldon on achieving this significant milestone! In the past ten years, you have done a wonderful job growing your organization and covering the news in our community. It is always such a pleasure reading the Breeze and getting up-to-date on the who-what-when-where and why of Ventura. I also want to thank you for your community support of the non-profits here. Your generous coverage makes a big difference. Here's to the next ten years!
Warmest regards,
Barbara Brown - BBM&D Strategic Branding

Wow ten years of pure excellence! Happy Anniversary Sheldon. Thanks for your commitment to provide excellence in your articles about our community. I am humbled by your dedication to the nonprofit community as you continue to report the importance of each.
Congratulations my friend and here's is too another ten!
Be kind to one another
Jann Huling

Happy 10th Anniversary Ventura Breeze! Thank you for your coverage of local events and happenings. A special thank you for always including some news about the Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival. Congratulations to Sheldon and staff for all of your efforts. I am looking forward to the next 10 years!
Barbara Hinton - Founder and Director Ventura Art & Street Painting Festival
My wife, Trisha and I were having lunch with friends at Spencer McKenzie's Fish Company on Thompson in Ventura way back then. We were reading the first issue of the Ventura Breeze newspaper. Congratulations

on giving us a great local newspaper. Wow, ten years, where did the time go? Hats off for you and Staci. Your wife has to be a Saint, too.
Sincerely,
James Francis Gray - Contributing Writer

The comment I hear the most about The Ventura Breeze is that it's truly Our Hometown Newspaper. I always answer back, "The very Soul of Ventura".
Karen Helen- Distribution

When I first heard about the Breeze, I said, That dude is crazy!
And I was right, but that's not a bad thing.
The Breeze is a joy to read, and a real hometown paper.
Sheldon is even crazy enough to let me write for him occasionally, and I am grateful for the opportunity.
Jill Forman - Contributing Writer

Credit where credit's due: Sheldon's created a successful printed newspaper in a digital, post-literate world. Well done, sez me.
Alfred J. Lewis - studioNothing

Congratulations to you and the entire Ventura Breeze team -- 10 years is an incredible run! Thanks for your service to this community in covering local news, big and small, and for making sure important issues were covered in a fair and impartial manner. I always look forward to picking up my copy of the Breeze and seeing what's on the Publisher's mind!
Matt LaVere - Ventura City Council

The Breeze is truly a hometown newspaper. Sheldon and his team have a pulse on what is important to Venturans and they produce a publication that speaks to us as locals; even if for some, we haven't been here for generations.
Jeffrey Lambert, AICP - Ventura Community Development Director

Sheldon Brown is handsome, wonderful and brilliant. I love drawing for the Breeze for 10 years.
Bill Green - editorial cartoonist (remember I'm being funny about handsome, wonderful and brilliant)

Sheldon is amazing and wonderful and a joy to work with, he is much too old to be doing this.
Richard Lieberman - rather old himself Contributing Writer

10 years is a wow! Sheldon is amazing and a joy to work for...! But in my own words: So proud to be a part of the Ventura Breeze! As a registered nurse for many years, being given the opportunity to explore new horizons and to pursue a passion for writing combined with my passion for people and my hometown? Priceless! Happy 10th anniversary Sheldon! It's been such a privilege-best boss ever!
Jennifer Tipton -contributing writer

Bob Barker had just retired and the O.C. and the Sopranos had just ended. Unfortunately for all, Keeping up with the Kardashians had just premiered and Donald Trump and Vince McMahon

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Community Events

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club Monday nights 7:30-9:45pm. Poinsettia Pavilion 3451 Foothill. Ballroom, swing, Latin and line dancing. \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Dance lessons 6:45-7:15 \$5 for couple \$3 for single. Call Rick 415-8842 for more information.

Ventura’s ACBL Duplicate Bridge Club offers games for all levels of play. Learn the game, play with your peers, and earn master points while you are having fun. There is a game every day of the week. Check out their website at www.vcbridge.org. Life is Better with Bridge.

Country Western Line Dancing every Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m. Instruction every night. Moose lodge, 10269 Telephone Road. More information at countrylovers.com.

Ventura County Philatelic Society meets the first and third Mondays each month. Do you collect stamps? 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Rd. Admission and parking free. Contact Bill Garner 320-1601.

Mended Hearts of Ventura meet the first Tuesday each month at the Community Memorial Hospital - 8th floor. Excellent speakers - leading Cardiologists, Nutritionists, Dietitians, etc. from our area. Come share if you have had heart surgery or stent implant. Contact Bill Garner 320-1601.

DBSA Ventura County support group for depression and bipolar disorder meets Tuesdays, 6:30-8 p.m. A free weekly peer-led support group meeting at the Encounter Bible Fellowship Church campus, upstairs, Room 426/428, 6950 Ralston St. 633-0736 for recorded information or visit www.DBSAlliance.org.

Oct. 11: The Ventura County Camera Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. at the Poinsettia Pavilion, 3451 Foothill Rd. Anyone with an interest in photography is welcome and admission is free. Only members may submit images for critique. WWW.VenturaCountyCameraClub.com

Oct. 13: Messy Church Coming Friday. Think church is boring? You won’t with Messy Church, a Fun evening for every age. Crafts, Games, Music, Celebration and Dinner. Make new friends, build great community and connect. Fun starts at 5:45 p.m. and dinner at 7

p.m. Free at Ventura First, 1338 E. Santa Clara. More fumcventura.org or call 643-8621

Oct. 13: The General George S. Patton, Jr. Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution October luncheon meeting will feature “How the American Revolution Really Started” presented by historian Robert Dempster. Friday, at 11:30 a.m. in the Garden Room at Marie Calender’s Restaurant. If you wish lunch \$20. For additional information call Bill Bays 650-3036 or Robert Taylor 216-7992. <http://pattonpatriots.org>.

Oct. 14: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Mark your calendar and join in the Ribbons of Life Breast Cancer Foundation’s Anniversary BreastFEST. 8:30 am at Mimi’s Cafe in Ventura. Come meet some very special women and learn how they are leaving their mark in the world. Don’t forget to visit website calendar to see all the events and organizations who continue to support the work that we do.

Oct. 14: 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. The meeting starts at noon and at 11 a.m. there will be an informal workshop followed by lunch and an informational meeting and a program. This month’s program will be presented by David Spong on Fabricating a Verge for an English Clock. More information about chapter 190 can be found at www.nawcc-ch190.com.

Oct. 16: CA Zeta Chi parliamentarians will meet at 7 p.m. and will feature a lesson by Registered Parliamentarian Gerry Olsen entitled “Preparing Parliamentary Opinions.” Main Street Restaurant and Steakhouse, 3159 E. Main St. Those wishing to eat should arrive at 6 p.m. Membership is \$25 per year. For information, contact Sharon Hillbrant, 479-6738, or check out zetachi.webstarts.com.

Oct. 17: Retired men are invited to drop in at the Ventura Elks lodge for a lunch meeting with The Ventura Retired Men’s Group. Besides a healthy meal, there will be a program on some interesting topic, jokes and raffles and an enjoyable few hours. Steve Carroll can provide details at 642-1359.

Oct. 19: The regular monthly meeting of Assistance League of Ventura County will be conducted at the Chapter House, 913 East Santa Clara St. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. meeting

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2 p.m. 643-2458
Oct. 19: A representative of the Ventura Police Dept. will update the Council on crime and safety in the area. Tara Carruth of the Ventura County Continuum of Care will speak on “Solutions to Homelessness,” and Janis Flippen, of the Kimball Park
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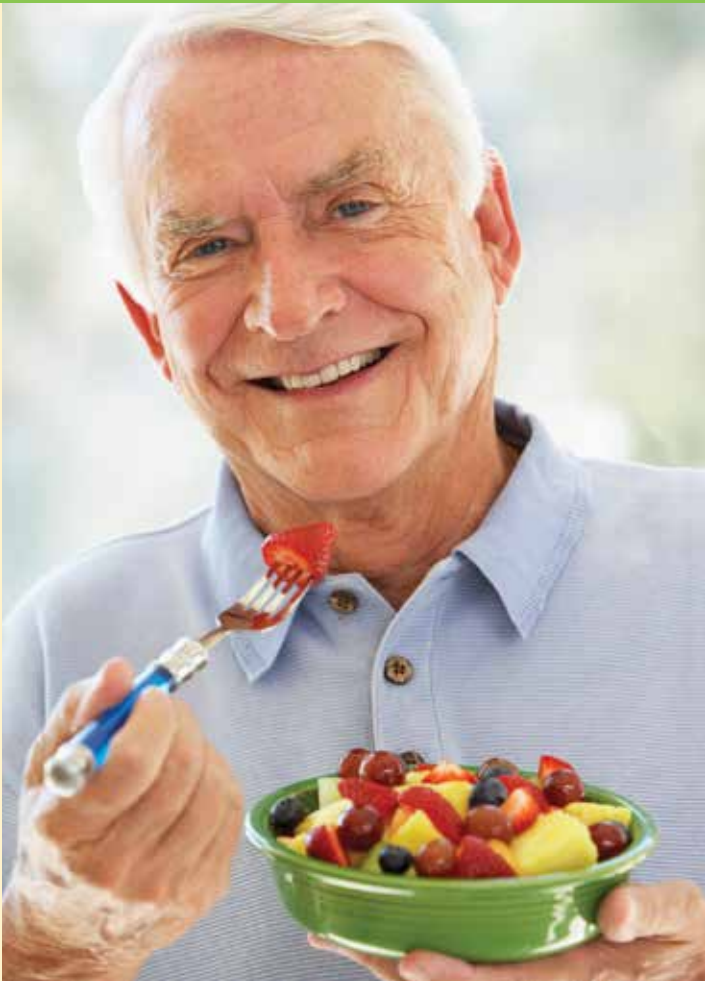
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programming. CAPS Media joined the Art Walk festivities downtown by setting up the CAPS Production truck, stage and radio station recording on California near Santa Clara. CAPS Radio hosts and DJs were on hand interviewing a variety of guests, and the public had front row seats to watch El Camino High School students conducting interviews for their award-winning television series, ECTV. CAPS Media staff were on hand to provide tours of the production truck and CAPS Radio.


Tours continued on Tuesday when CAPS Media hosted a special open house and tour for Ventura College students and faculty at the CAPS Media Center. Tours included the studio, control room, editing suites, meeting rooms, production truck, KPPQ 104.1FM radio station and more. The event was an opportunity for VC students, faculty and friends to see the complete range of resources, services and training available at the CAPS Media Center located on the Ventura College campus.

The new school year brings Season 3 of Ventura's Mayor for A Moment series where outstanding 5th graders are recognized by the City and the Ventura Unified School District. CAPS Media produces video profiles featuring the young mayors, principals and schools. The first two "Mayors" are Brayden Rocco from Portola Elementary and Olivia Blomquist from Poinsettia Elementary. Coming up in November and December are young mayors from Will Rogers and Citrus Glen.


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Hope takes her first ride in a motorcycle, thanks Jim Estes, and Jim's friends Tucker, Robert, Patricia and Gregory.

94-year-old was born to be wild

Have you ever had a dream? Hope Jeter did. Hope is a resident at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura. She resides in their Generations Memory Care community, a specially designed area for residents with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Just shy of her 95th birthday, Hope shared that her dream was to ride on a motorcycle. Asked if she had ever been on one she replied, "No. I've sat on one standing still, but I've never ridden on one."

When Generations Memory Care Coordinator, Sarah Perez, got wind of Hope's dream, Sarah and the staff at Cypress Place went to work to fulfill that dream. With the help of Melinda and Becky from Ventura Harley-Davidson, and motorcycle owner Jim Estes, Hope took her very first ride in a sidecar, at the tender age of 94!

Jim invited his Harley riding friends,

Tucker, Robert, Patricia and Gregory to join the procession. Cypress Place friends followed along in the Cypress bus to cheer her on. The adventure included a sidecar trip to Rincon, lunch at In-n-Out Burger, and a basket full of gifts from Ventura Harley Davidson, all making it a memory-making, ride-of-a-lifetime for Hope.

If you have a loved one struggling with dementia, Cypress Place Senior Living will be hosting a Dementia 101 Seminar titled "Exciting Breakthroughs & Practical Tips". Guest speaker for the seminar will be Norma Featherston, R.N., M.S., Gerontology. Featherston is a geriatric care consultant with New Hope Senior Services.

A variety of important topics regarding Dementia will be covered including: who can get it, how they get it, what to expect, practical tips and strate

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Jim Rivera, Tom Pecht, Vanessa Bechtel, Christine Cohen, Tim Gallagher and Lanyard Dial, MD welcome the merger.

Foundation supports merger of two beloved hospice organizations

The Ventura County Community Foundation (VCCF) has awarded Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association (Livingston) a \$105,000 grant to cover the costs of its merger with Camarillo Hospice.

Vanessa Bechtel, President/CEO of VCCF said of the gift, "The Foundation's commitment to strategic grant making could not be better represented than through this \$105,000 grant to Livingston from the Ruth Daily Livingston Fund. The recent merger between Livingston and Camarillo Hospice not only provides a seamless and more effective provision of services to terminally ill patients and their loved ones but also utilizes precious financial resources in a more impactful manner. The Ruth Daily Livingston Fund was created with the specific purpose of supporting health care services in Ventura County and is a fitting tribute to the memory of her husband, Dr. W.R. Livingston, an esteemed pioneer physician of Ventura County."

Lanyard Dial, MD, President/CEO and Medical Director of Livingston called VCCF's generous gift, "welcome recognition from Ventura's philanthropic heart that it takes a strong web of community support to provide care and bereavement services for the terminally ill and their love ones."

For information on Livingston's home healthcare, hospice or in-home assistance programs visit lmvna.org or call 642-0239.

Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association provides healthcare in the

home for the sick, handicapped, elderly and homebound. Livingston is a community-supported non-profit agency, which provides professional, licensed home health and hospice care. Livingston is sensitive to the financial circumstances of its patients and provides needed services, including those at reduced or no charge to indigent patients.

Established in 1987, the Ventura County Community Foundation focuses on building philanthropy in Ventura County by stewarding legacies through careful management of charitable capital. VCCF honors donor intent by protecting endowments and specializing in connecting philanthropic resources with community needs. VCCF invests in the future through scholarships, grant making, and collaborative partnerships.

Senior citizens invited to learn about digital technology to connect socially

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors will present the sixth Ventura County Senior Summit on Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at California State University Channel Islands. This countywide event is free of charge, includes a complimen-

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On Friday, September 22 The Lexington hosted their 3rd annual special luncheon for our first responders to salute the men and women who serve our community every day. Those attending included the Ventura Police Department, Ventura Fire Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Department and ambulance companies. Enjoying their company were Lexington residents and guests. Lunch was enjoyed by all. The Lexington is located at 5440 Ralston Street. For more information call 644-6710.

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Are you only 90? I could be your mother

By Rebecca Wicks

The year is 1900. Sigmund Freud publishes his famous The Interpretation of Dreams, the Boxer Rebellion comes to an end, William McKinley is President, the cost of a first class stamp is 2 cents and all of Ventura County boasts a whopping 14,367 residents. And, Mildred Thompson is born.

This holiday season Mildred, a long time Ventura resident will turn 107. Nineteen U.S. Presidents have served in office during Mildred's lifetime. She has been alive for an insurmountable number historical firsts, from the first airplane flight and the first talking

movie to the advent of television and the awarding of the first Nobel Prize. Mildred was recently interviewed by Breeze editor Sheldon Brown and Suz Montgomery, a volunteer and teacher at the Venturan Convalescent Center where Mildred now resides. She went on to tell of a full life filled with adventure and an insatiable quest for knowledge.

Mildred was born on a Dec. 27, 1900 in Jamesport, Mo. Raised on a farm, she was one of five children. She attended Stephens College a private women's college Columbia, Mo. for a teaching degree. It was there she was convinced by teachers to travel to Puerto Rico, a

then considered possible next U.S. state, to teach its residents English. "I knew very little about Puerto Rico," Mildred admits, "I only vaguely knew where it was." Her adventure there was rich and of course fun. She remembers forgetting where she was when she was dancing in Puerto Rico and how the music "had a lot of rhythm."

Later, back in the states, Mildred worked in Chicago as a millinery where she designed and made hats that cost upwards of \$60, which was quite expensive in the current day. She also worked as a schoolteacher at a number of different schools. Her love for travel eventually brought her to California and then Ventura where she moved after she retired.

Today Mildred begins each day with exercise. She was said to still be doing somersaults at age 100. She attributes

her long life to two things - exercise and her ongoing need to learn. Mildred attends classes everyday at the Venturan where she lives. There she learns about new things with teacher and friend Suz Montgomery.

Mildred has always loved to learn. She is incessant about needing to learn from each other as well as from books and other traditional sources. She speaks fondly of learning from her brothers and sisters and believes firmly that "boys and girls can learn a lot from each other."

Through it all Mildred has kept to a few mantras, the first is to always learn, be honest and be truthful. The second in her words is to "give to the world the best that you have and the best will come back to you." She is often referred to as a hero by her fellow residents and friends, and now we can understand why.



Suz personal collection of great old stuff



Suz class with Mildred at her side.

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Senior Living



Ellen Johnson (lower right) is joined in solidarity with colleagues Stephanie Montenegro, Marc Wilde, Lynda Frank, and Katie Furlong.

Breast cancer survivor tells her story

by Lori Harasta

Asked how Ellen Johnson felt when she first found out she had breast cancer, she said, “Numb. Later that night, I asked my husband, ‘Did he say I have cancer?!’”

It started with a lump she found about three years ago. Biopsies in three areas of the tumor were negative, but it is the protocol of Kaiser Permanente to do surgery to remove tumors, whether or not they test positive for cancer, so Ellen complied. The next time she spoke with the doctor, she got the awful news. It was Stage 3 of an aggressive strain of cancer. The doctor was unable to get all of the cancerous tissue. Further tests showed that the lymph nodes on that side were all affected. She was going to have to have a mastectomy.

Ellen resisted at first. But reality set in when the doctor told her, “I’m trying to save your life!” She left the doctor’s office, went back to her car and cried.

First, there was chemotherapy, which made her tired. A dear friend, Suzette, accompanied her to every chemotherapy treatment. Except for the side effects, Ellen actually enjoyed the sessions. “It was an odd sense of community, all of us there sharing the experience of having cancer. The nurses were amazing! There was no sense of talking down to any of us. I enjoyed hearing their banter and teasing one another. They were upbeat, sensitive, and genuine.” The chemotherapy was followed by surgery and then radiation.

Ellen retired recently from her position as Grants Manager for Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association. One of the things that made it easier for her to get through the treatments was strong support from her co-workers and the ability to work a flexible schedule. “My co-workers picked up the slack for me. Having

their support made it so much easier to make it through.”

Her hair fell out and as a way of educating others about breast cancer, Ellen chose to wear scarves or hats instead of a wig. Indeed, conversations were opened up. She was surprised at the warm encouragement of fellow survivors she encountered who asked how she was doing and shared their own cancer experiences.

Cancer has changed Ellen’s outlook. “Anytime we face the possibility of our own mortality, it changes our priorities. I have been given the gift of seeing things more realistically. It has been a real wake-up call.”

Senior citizens invited to learn

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tary continental breakfast and brown bag lunch, and will feature local services and resources available to seniors. Free transportation to and from the event is also offered from cities throughout the County.

The Senior Summit will offer workshops on a wide range of topics on current technology: services available online, technology for the home, how to stay safe on the internet and what’s new in tech related healthcare. The Summit will also provide how-to demonstrations for seniors reluctant to delve into the digital age. Attendees are asked to bring their smart phone or tablet, and if they don’t have one, some will be available to test and discover the possibilities.

Ventura County Senior Summit is proud to support organizations that address food insecurity in our communities. Each canned food item seniors donate at the Senior Summit will enter them in a grand prize drawing. All donations will benefit Food Share, Manna, and the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging Senior Food Pantry.

Visit the Ventura County Senior Summit website at www.ventura.org/senior-summit to learn more about the presenters and educational workshops available, and to register online. Seating is limited and going fast. Seniors can also register by calling their County Supervisor:

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Supervisor Linda Parks (District 2-Thousand Oaks) 805-214-2510

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94-year-old was born to be wild

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gies for everyday use, and information on exciting breakthrough research and what it means for you.

The free Dementia 101 seminar takes place from 10a.m. to 11:30a.m. on Saturday October 14 at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura and is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

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News & Notes



Mayor Erik Nasarenko honored two distinguished artists at the Museum (both on the right of the photos).

Two talented ladies honored

On Wednesday, Oct. 4 the 2017 ArtWalk Collectors Reception was held at the Museum of Ventura County. Ventura Mayor Erik Nasarenko honored the two “Distinguished Artists.” Honored were Artist of Distinction Maribel Hernandez and Global Artist of Distinction Shamsia Hassani.

A sampling of the juried works by 2017 ArtWalk featured artists was also on display. ArtWalk was held in Ventura on Oct.7&8.

The well attended event was hosted by the City of Ventura and the Museum of Ventura County in the Smith Pavilion. The evening included music, hors d’oeuvres and a no-host beer and wine bar.

Maribel Hernandez is a native of Michoacan, Mexico who moved to California in 1988 at the age of 18. Her first art classes were at Ventura College where she found a love for creating wonderful art. Her working studio is located at the Bell Arts Factory located on Ventura Ave. where her diverse and colorful artwork can be seen.

Global Artist of Distinction Shamsia Hassani traveled from Kabul, Afghanistan, to take part in ArtWalk. Her murals depict the hardships of her hometown. She was born in Tehran in 1988 to Afghan parents and is a fine-art lecturer at Kabul University. Recently she completed a residence at the Hammer Museum in Los Angeles where she was brought to the attention of ArtWalk.



The Baker and Kress families never looked so colorful.

The happiest 5k on the planet

The Color Run®, the largest 5k event series in the world, is bringing its 2017 tour theme, The Color Run Dream Tour, Presented by Lay’s®, to Ventura on Saturday, Nov. 18, kicking off at 8:00 a.m.

The Ventura run benefits Doing Good in Ventura – the Julius Gius Memorial Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of the Rotary Club of Ventura. It provides assistance to needy individuals in our community by engaging in and carrying on programs for charitable and educational purposes, and encouraging greater philanthropy and appreciation of the needs of those less fortunate.

The Color Run Dream Tour creates a world where anything is possible, unicorns are real and foam clouds make everything better. The 2017 theme will make Color Runners’ dreams a lot more colorful with unforgettable music, color throws and an all new Lay’s Poppables™ Foam Zone and Dream Wall.

The Color Run Ventura is one of 5 cities on The Color Run’s “Colorfornia Dreamin’” mini-tour. Participants can collect Colorfornia Dreamin’ collectors’ button at each stop on the tour and buy a limited-edition Colorfornia t-shirt on-site and online.

Each Color Runner receives a custom race kit, including a limited-edition 2017 race shirt, a Unicorn Finisher’s Medal, embroidered headband, fun temporary tattoos and a color-in runner’s bib—to inspire participants to decorate their runner’s bib. An option to upgrade race kits to receive additional gear is also available with the deluxe registration package. Participants can color it up with more accessories, clothing and fun dream inspired items at The Color Run store.

The Color Run Dream Tour, Saturday, Nov. 18, 8:00 a.m., Ventura County Fairgrounds.

Green with Envy



Bill Green’s first cartoon that appeared in the first Ventura Breeze issue. It has been colorized to celebrate our anniversary.



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The Pet Page



Dedicated to Scamp

■ Scamp didn't make it to this anniversary issue, but if he had we are sure this is what he would have said.

I wrote for the Ventura Breeze for over nine years and enjoyed every minute of it. I was just a puppy when I started (about 30 years old in doggy years).

I want to thank my remarkable publisher-editor for giving me the opportunity to write for the Breeze after graduating from Furry State University in journalism. My mom wanted me to be a K9, but I felt that I was too small for the job.

Thanks to my great readers, Scampclub members, and Savana for leaving me alone while I was working at the computer. And for those of you that voted for me as President. Don't you wish that I had won? And especially the advertisers that supported my page and continue to do so.

I am proud to have presented so many animals for adoption and for the many that were adopted.

My Scampclub members included dogs, cats, birds, a pig and even an elephant.

Doggy heaven is real nice. They feed us whatever we want, take us on long walks, and there are a lot of cute female French poodles for me to sniff. Fire hydrants are all over the place but I don't use them.

I hope that you still enjoy reading the Pet Page but probably miss my funny little comments.

I miss you all and hope that you are doing well and am glad that the Pet Page continues in my memory.

■ The National Disaster Search Dog Foundation (SDF) opened the nation's very



Search Dog Foundation has officially opened their Center's gates.

first facility designed specifically for disaster search dogs and their handlers on September 23, 2017. Using 21 years of collective deployment experience gathered from canine disaster search teams and experts across the country, the National Training Center now gives former shelter dogs a place to call home while they transform into search dogs. It also provides search teams with experience in deployment simulations before they ever set foot at the site of a disaster.

Located in the foothills of Santa Paula (it seems like Ventura), the National Training Center provides unique training props, including: a large rubble pile that simulates debris similar to the World Trade Center; Search City, a mini urban "town" that allows teams to search inside and outside of damaged buildings; and even a train wreck consisting of three decommissioned train cars.

SDF recruits, trains and provides Search Dogs at no cost to Search and Rescue Task Forces. Ongoing Advanced Training support is also provided. SDF has a lifetime care commitment, assuring all SDF dogs, even those unable to complete training, will be provided a loving home throughout their lives.



Scamp Club

(Scampclub pets are not for adoption.)

Hi: I'm Toby. My best friend Michael Gordon takes pictures for the Breeze. I'm about 14-years-old and I'm a Lhasa Apso/Shih Tzu mix, which is why I'm so cute. I like running circles inside the backyard fence with my girlfriend.

Join Scamp Club

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

Professor Scamp

Welcome to the Scamp Club

Professor Scamp Ph.D.
(Pretty Happy Dog)

PET EDITOR

HELLO, I'm Dr. Scamp. Well, actually, I'm not really a doctor but neither was Dr. Seuss and he got away with it.

To introduce myself I am the pet editor and an investigative reporter for The Breeze.

I am a Shih Tzu breed dog. Shih Tzus in dog shows look a lot different then me with their manicured hair but that is much too much work for my human and I am handsome enough as it is.

I am a boy dog about seven years old. I'm not sure when my birthday is, I'll have to find out.

I was hired for my position because I am, as you can tell from the photo below, extremely intelligent. I will write (paw and peck) about items of interest to pets and their families. I might even write about cats if I can think of anything interesting about them (just how



Couldn't we just text message?

do they get away without doing anything anyway?)

Please e-mail me your photo and a little about you and I will ask my publisher if I can publish your picture in a future edition of TheBreeze (please include your mailing address also). Just e-mail me at scampclub@sbcglobal.net. I look forward to getting your pictures, if a cute little grand kid is in the photo that's even better

I call it Scamp Club because I will be starting a pet club with all of you as members and we will do fun things together like have a party one day at the dog park at Camino Real Park. I certainly hope that you have been there. You will be issued a club card that will also get you discounts at some of our advertisers.

In a future issue (very soon) I will tell you which downtown restaurants are dog friendly that you can eat at (you must bring your human with you to pay the bill).

"Someone must have moved my bed"

PS: I hope that my writing is okay—remember I'm only a dog. ■

From our first issue.

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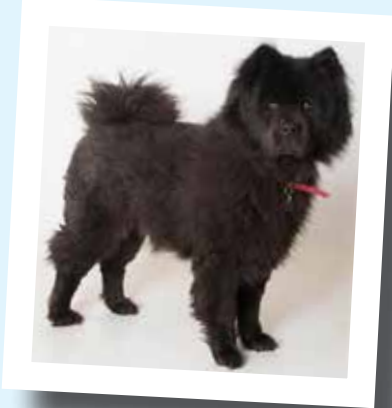
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The Pet Page

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News and Notes



This wonderful tree carving is the work of artist John Mahoney, with the assistance of Jason Rose.

The tree is an American Redwood, and was a part of a grove of Redwoods planted in Arroyo Verde Park many years ago.

Our Southern California drought took its toll on the trees, and the grove of redwoods died within the last few years. West Coast Arborists removed the trees (39 of them) and the wood was harvested and milled and will be made into picnic benches that will be put back into the park. West Coast Arborist, Inc. are the Urban Forestry Contractor the city has used for over 10 years to help maintain the City trees.

Photos by Michael Gordon.



On Sept. 25, Breeze Publisher, Sheldon Brown, and Richard Lieberman attended the annual Media Day of the PowerShares QQQ golf Championship at Sherwood Country Club in Thousand Oaks (mostly for the free lunch). Defending champion Tom Pernice, Jr. spoke with the media about his win last year at the inaugural event, as well as how the 2017 season has gone so far. After-

wards, Pernice's chipping game was tested as he hit shots against VIP guests, actor Tom Felton and UCLA men's golfer, Tyler Collier.

Photo by Richard Lieberman.



"Could any dog be cuter than me?"

Decked to the 9's - Canines Compete for best costume

Four-footed "ghosts," "spirits" and all manner of costumed canines will parade through Ventura Harbor Village, Saturday, October 21 as the 5th Annual Ventura Harbor Village HOWL-O-Ween Dog Costume Contest gets underway starting at Noon. The contest, open to canines only, welcomes both adults and children and is free to the public.

What makes this family-friendly event so unique is that Ventura Harbor Village gives out a "Sea Worthy" ribbon for the dog that dresses in sea theme. Another distinctive feature is the large creativity factor of the costumes for both the dogs and the owners. Prizes are awarded for Spookiest, Sea-Worthy, Creative/Original, Cutest/Prettiest, and Best in Show. The prizes include gift certificates to Ventura Harbor Village restaurants, boutiques, and attractions. Each winner selects a pumpkin of choice and a blue ribbon.

The first 100 dogs that participate receive a bag of doggie treats from HOWL-O-Ween sponsor Ventura Pet Barn and fifty cents off an ice cream from Coastal Cone. Approximately 75 dogs attend the event.

For more information, call 477-0470 or visit Howl-O-Ween Dog Costume Contest to get preregistered or Ventura-HarborVillage.com.

Ventura Harbor is a pet-friendly destination with a beautiful and scenic walking Promenade at Ventura Harbor Village extending to Ventura County West Marina in one direction and the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center at the other end. It's the perfect stroll with your pooch. Owners can enjoy pet-friendly dining patios, boat rentals, and waterfront hotel stays with their pets.

Ventura Harbor welcomes dogs and offers Doggie Bag stations, a Doggie Water Fountain near Beach Break Surf Shop in the Harbor Village, a photo board designed just for dogs to easily stand behind for that fun photo op behind 805 Bar & Grilled Cheese, and a grassy lawn area.

Ventura Harbor Village is a vibrant, working harbor village and fishing marina boasting 35 shops, galleries, restaurants and waterfront activities including a Village Carousel & Arcade, Comedy Club, Harbor Cove Beach and Surfer's Knoll Beach, dive and fishing boats, harbor tours, boat, kayak and peddle boat rentals, and a beautiful

walking Promenade. The Village offers visitors an escape to a sun-kissed, seaside playground with transportation to and from the Harbor via the new Ventura-Downtown Harbor Trolley, annual special events, live weekend entertainment, dog-friendly facilities, soft adventure, and spectacular sunset views of the Pacific coastline. Home to the Channel Islands National Park Visitor Center, this coastal playground features its own viewing tower, exhibits and bookstore, it is easy for travelers to visit the five islands right off the Ventura coast. It is here that visitors can experience world-class island diving, snorkeling, hiking, kayaking, sea cave exploration, photography, camping and wildlife viewing.

For visitor information, contact Ventura Harbor Village at 477-0470, online at www.VenturaHarborVillage.com, via fax at 644-1684. Ventura Harbor Village is located at 1583 Spinnaker Dr. Post, share, and like #VenturaHarbor



Foothill ranks in the 308th spot nationally.

Ventura Unified School District high school countdown!

by Jennifer Tipton

Foothill Technology High.

Located at 100 Day Rd, Foothill Technology High School opened in 2000 to alleviate the overcrowding of our city's two existing high schools, Ventura and Buena. A California Distinguished School since 2005, Foothill is also a magnet school, which is a public school offering special instruction and programs not available elsewhere and designed to attract a more diverse student body from throughout the district.

Admittance is determined by a random lottery that is very competitive but I'm told not in an academic way. There is an "anchor sibling rule" whereas if an applicant has a sibling already at Foothill, they will also get in but they still must go through the application process. Principal since 2002, Joe Bova reports that each year just under 600 students apply and about 275 are accepted. Offering grades 9-12 the current student enrollment is a little over 1000. Due to the smaller student population, Principal Bova feels the staff is more connected with the kids, in fact, all six of Bova's kids currently attend Foothill!

There is the Bioscience Academy and a new Design Technology Academy blending engineering, design and entrepreneurship that was just developed last year. Technology is infused everywhere on campus with over 800 mobile devices

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Police Reports

by Cindy Summers

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

Armed Robbery

On September 25, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a 911 call from a female employee of the Goodwill Retail Store, reporting that an armed robbery had just occurred. The suspects, one armed with a handgun, were last seen fleeing in a silver van. The driver was a Hispanic male wearing beanie hat and all black clothing, no description of the second suspect was available.

During the investigation, officers learned the victim was exiting the store when the suspect called out to her from within the van. The victim approached the parked vehicle and was immediately confronted by the suspect who brandished a handgun and demanded the victim's property. The victim complied with the request and relinquished a bag containing an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect took the bag and was last seen traveling west on Main Street.

Officers checked the area, but were unable to locate the suspect. The victim was not injured as a result of this incident.

Attempt Robbery

On September 27, at approximately 9:30pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received a call 911 call from the victim who was at 1130 south Victoria Ave, Bank of America (ATM). The victim indicated that a male suspect, later identified as 40 year old Thousand Oaks vagrant Scott Oppenheim, yelled at her and pushed her from the ATM as she was trying to withdraw money from the ATM. The suspect manipulated the ATM in order to withdraw money from the victim's account. The victim began to yell and scream for help as several bystanders at a nearby gas station came to the victim's aide. The bystanders fought with the suspect as the suspect was able to flee from them.

Officers arrived on scene and saw the suspect walking eastbound on Telephone Rd. from Victoria Ave. when he was stopped. The suspect did not follow any commands that officers were giving him. K9 Rover was sent and apprehended the suspect who was taken into custody.

The suspect was taken to VCMC where he was treated for his minor injuries sustained from the bystanders assisting the Victim and from the apprehension. No officers were injured as a result of this incident.

Aggravated Trespassing Arrest

On September 30 at 2:30pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call from a resident in the 200 block of Hoover Avenue who advised a male subject had just attempted to gain entry into their home. When officers arrived on scene they learned the victim had confronted the suspect to the front of their residence after he had attempted to enter through the front door. The suspect fled the scene prior to police arrival and he was not located at that time.

At approximately 3:15pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a 911 call from a resident in the 100 block of San Mateo Avenue who advised a male subject had just illegally entered their home and was being detained by a family member. Responding officers recognized the suspect matched the description from the earlier call on Hoover Avenue.

As officers arrived on scene, they contacted the suspect, 19 year old Ojai resident Angel Esperanza, in the front yard

and detained him without incident. During the investigation, officers determined Esperanza had attempted to enter the residence through the front door as he had previously done on Hoover Avenue. When he found the front door locked, he tried a locked garage door and eventually made entry into the house through an open side door. A resident confronted Esperanza just inside the entryway and demanded he leave. The resident physically detained Esperanza after he refused to exit and began to push his way further into the home.

Esperanza was placed under arrest and transported to VCMC where he was treated for minor injuries he received as a result of being detained by the victim. He was later booked into the Ventura County Jail for misdemeanor aggravated trespassing.

Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On October 1 at 2:15pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call from a victim who was reporting having just found his stolen utility trailer in the 1500 block of Goodyear Avenue. The victim indicated the trailer was stolen out of Oxnard on September 21.

As officers arrived on scene, they observed the suspect, 30 year old Ventura vagrant Brandon Beechum, attaching his vehicle to the trailer. Beechum was detained and evidence located on his person further linked him to the trailer.

Beechum was arrested and transported to Ventura County Jail where he was booked for possession of a stolen vehicle. A female passenger was questioned and released at the scene.

Commercial Burglary Arrest

On October 1 at 7:30pm, the Ventura Police Command Center received a call of an audible burglary alarm at the Buena High School cafeteria located at 5670 Telegraph Road.

As officers arrived on scene they found an open exterior door and observed a male juvenile suspect inside. A perimeter was established around the cafeteria and the suspect was ordered to exit. He refused to comply with officers commands and retreated further into the cafeteria where officers lost sight of him.

A Ventura Police K9 was summoned to the scene to assist officers as they entered the cafeteria to search for the suspect. Within minutes, the K9 located the 17 year old juvenile hiding behind a counter inside the kitchen area. The suspect attempted to physically resist officers as he was taken into custody.

The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to Ventura County Juvenile Hall where he was booked for commercial burglary. The suspect was not injured during the arrest.

Brandishing a Replica Firearm in a Threatening Manner Arrest

On October 3, at approximately 3:30pm, the Ventura Police Department Command Center received separate 911 calls reporting two vagrants in a verbal argument in the 3000 block of E. Main St., near the intersection of Dos Caminos Ave. As the two subjects were still arguing, the callers reported one of them pulled out a gun and pointed it at the other subject. While the patrol units were still responding to the call, the subjects had separated and left the area in different directions. The subject with the gun, later identified as 42 year old vagrant David Olszewski, was last seen leaving the area on foot eastbound on Main St.

As he left the area, Olszewski then confronted the manager of the Bayshore Inn, a short distance away from the location of the original altercation, and pointed the gun at the manager in a threatening manner.

Units arrived on scene and took Olszewski into custody without incident. He had discarded the gun, but after a search of the area it was located and determined to be a replica firearm.

Olszewski was arrested and later booked into the Ventura County Jail for brandishing a replica firearm in a threatening manner.

The first subject that was observed in the verbal altercation with Olszewski was last seen leaving on foot northbound on Dos Caminos Ave. and was not located.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

9-27 10:21am, received a dispatch to a person not breathing south of Surfers Knoll. Officers responded with Ventura Fire, AMR and Ventura PD. The patient was an elderly male transient who was determined Dead On Arrival in a homeless encampment near the Santa Clara Rivermouth. The VC coroner and Ventura PD handled the call.

9:33pm, received several calls seeking information regarding bioluminescence from the red tide conditions in and around the Harbor. Officers explaining to the best of their ability the naturally occurring phenomena, which creates a bluish glow when waves break or vessels transit through the water.

9-28 10:20am, while on patrol, officers observed a transient making an abode behind the entry feature to the Harbor on Spinnaker/Harbor. Contact was made with the individual and a warning issued for camping in the Harbor.

9-29 6:45pm, while on patrol, received a dispatch to a fall victim near the Carousel in the village. Officers responded with Ventura Fire/AMR and assisted an 85 year old female who fell down a flight of stairs near the promenade and injured her hip. She was treated and transported to local hospital for further evaluation.

11:45pm, briefing with Fish and Wildlife officers about the lobster season opening beginning at 6am Saturday.

11:55pm, while on patrol officers observed two coyotes running westbound on Spinnaker drive and slide at full speed under a fence into the settling ponds for the water treatment plant near Angler court.

9-30 11:10am, received a report of a disabled vessel in the A-Basin of the Harbor. Officers responded and assisted the vessel and safely towed them to their slip in the harbor at Ventura West Marina.

1:30pm, received a dispatch to a medical, stroke patient at 1559 Spinnaker Drive. Officers responded and assisted Ventura Fire and AMR with the call.

7:03pm, Officers conducting safety and equipment inspections of boaters fishing for lobster around the breakwall. 10 vessels were inspected and violations were either corrected or warnings were issued for minor infractions. One kayaker's voyage was terminated for multiple violations including no fishing license, lobster report card or personal floatation device.

10-01 10:56pm, received a report of a disabled vessel taking on water from an individual on a PWC. Officers responded and assisted the large vessel.

9:20pm, officers conducted safety and equipment inspections of vessels fishing for lobster around the breakwall. 3 boats were contacted and one issued a warning for placing a hoopnet in a closed area.

10-02 9:51pm, received a dispatch to a fall victim in the marina mobile home park.

Officers responded and assisted Ventura Fire/AMR with the call.

10-03 10:40am, received a dispatch to a medical at the marina mobile home park. Officers responded and assisted Ventura Fire/AMR with a terminally ill patient. The patient was released at the scene.

Locals speak out on pot laws

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the city coffers, in addition to making sure citizens have safe access to what they have voted for, which includes the right to own and cultivate small amounts of marijuana. There are also jobs at stake. There have been a number of high profile conventions in the LA area catering to various elements of this budding new industry.

The Emerald Exchange, held in Thousand Oaks in August was a Renaissance Faire-like presentation of growers, collectives and new cannabis related products that have sprouted up around them. "We had over 1,000 attendees and over 50 brands represented", reported event organizer Michael Katz (emeraldexchange.com). It was the ancillary products that carried the day. Offerings of new derivatives from the cannabis plant including extracts used as medicine, tinctures and infusion into foods were dominant. There were seminars on the use of cannabis for treatment of PTSD, seizures and chronic pain. Celebrity stoner Tommy Chong of the comedy duo Cheech & Chong was on hand to represent his latest line of pipes. But the main focus was on multi-course meals specially prepared with varying levels of cannabis infused. Other companies offered baked goods from cookies to brownies but now extending to juices, teas, coffees, soda, beer, chocolates and desserts. The future of the pot industry seems to not only be healthy and smell good, but taste good too.

Those interested in investing in this blossoming industry gathered at the MJAC Conference September 1 and 2 in downtown LA to bring cannabis product entrepreneurs together with investors. It was a Shark Tank for pot related products and services. A panel of judges awarded cash on the spot to lucky entrepreneurs. Among those were CBD pills that extract only pot's pain relieving qualities, not the psychoactive qualities and could soon be available as a supplement over the counter. There was a stylish, odorless humidifier for home pot storage and a line of luxury aroma free purses and handbags to carry your stash to the girl's night out. "We aren't guilty teenagers anymore, it's a new cannabis culture" declared the creator.

Business was also brisk at the Cannabis World Conference at the LA Convention Center September 13-15. The Reverend Al Sharpton delivered a spirited keynote address calling for legalization with diversity and fairness in the new industry. "This can't be an industry where blacks go to jail and whites go to the bank", he stated. Opportunity for all was the message. The presence of larger manufacturing companies bringing their expertise to the business was also apparent as the level of industry acumen rises to meet the massive pending demand. Those looking to start large or small grow farms, collectives, pot shops and related items found everything they needed to open their storefronts from products to packaging to promotion to navigating the legal hurdles. It is those legal ground rules that are the most complex, depending on where you are in the state.

That brings us back to the Ventura City Council and how they will rule and what guidelines will be set after considering their citizen's input.

Editor: We would love to hear your thoughts on this very important issue. Editor@venturabreeze.com

This 'n' That

Tech Today with Ken May

News about the massive Equifax data breach has been unrelenting since the credit bureau publicly disclosed its lapse at the beginning of September. It's difficult to keep up with all the company's blunders, not to mention the complicated fiscal policy and regulatory debates the incident has fueled. But weeks later, most consumers in the United States are still just trying to figure out what the whole thing means for them, and how to steel themselves against identity theft and fraud. Equifax will be extending the enrollment period for its credit monitoring and freezing services through January. Credit monitoring sends you alerts so you can catch any suspicious activity early, while credit freezes actually lock down your credit files so institutions you don't already do business with can't access your data without specific permission from you and special PIN numbers. A freeze significantly reduces the chance that a fraudster will be able to do things like take out a line of credit in your name. Personal identity security advocates have long favored freezes, but acknowledge that the measure isn't necessarily for everyone (say, someone who anticipates applying for student loans) since it is fairly rigid and restrictive. It is worth utilizing one or both of these tools, but at the end of the free year 143 million social security numbers (not to mention other valuable data) will still have been compromised in the breach, necessitating ongoing defense. "We generally tell people that if an entity is offering a free service they should strongly consider taking advantage of it," says Eva Velasquez, president of the nonprofit Identity Theft Resource Center. "Consumers have to demand security over convenience so that businesses will respond. Just don't be the low hanging fruit. Anything is better than nothing long term." The free monitoring and freezes have a short time span, perhaps because they are services Equifax wants to resume capitalizing on as quickly as possible. The third service Equifax is rolling out, a so-called "credit lock" tool, will debut in January, and will be a more flexible option through which consumers can lock and unlock access to their credit data whenever they want. Experts agree that to protect themselves, consumers need to see past the gimmicks

and noise to the long game of utilizing what Equifax and other companies that have experienced data breaches provide while planning to supplement as needed. If your data is compromised in multiple breaches over time you may be able to daisy chain years of free services together. And everyone can pull and review one complete credit report per year for free from AnnualCreditReport.com. Additionally, consumers need to be aware that credit monitoring, locks, and freezes alike don't protect against things like tax fraud and medical fraud, in which identity thieves can file bogus tax returns on your behalf to claim your refund or jeopardize your insurance coverage by scamming your provider.

Congratulations to us!
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were going head-to-head on WWE's WrestleMania 23 "The Battle of the Billionaires". Media was a shambles, thus 2007 was known as the "great void". Sheldon knew he had to do something to fill it...thus the Ventura Breeze was born. Instantly his enterprise was named Small Business of the Year. And the great void was filled. Amen.
Murray Robertson

Sheldon Brown is the quintessential Man About Town, keeping local Venturans informed on what is happening politically, socially, and culturally. He is at every event in town, keeping tabs on the pulse of VTA, and happy to engage with anyone who approaches him. Thank you for your excellent journalism and for offering us a free paper! One more quick note of appreciation: your unabashed opinion section that is infused with hearty doses of Sheldon humor! Keep it coming!
Beth Morris - (who wishes she could beat Sheldon on the tennis court)

I've been reading the Breeze since it was an infant, a toddler and now a precocious pre-teen, which means 'talented', 'articulate', and "having mature qualities at an unusually early age." All this and more from a talented, articulate and mature senior named Sheldon. Can hardly wait what the Breeze will be like as a smartphoned, pierced and tattooed teenager.
John Hankins - journalist

In this age of digital media and shrinking community news, it's been a pleasure having the Breeze in Ventura the past

decade. Happy anniversary, and please keep the ink flowing.
Erik Nasarenko - Ventura Mayor

Ventura events
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Farmer's Market will talk about the Thursday Farmer's Market. The Council represents those who live east of Victoria Avenue. 7 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church, 346 N. Kimball Road. For more information contact John McNally, Chairperson, EVCC 804-7558

Ojai news and events

Rev. Karen Wiley will offer her monthly half-day retreat at Meditation Mount on Saturday, October 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The topic will be "Discovering the 'Authentic Self' within."
"We have the power within us to create the lives of our dreams," Rev. Karen says, "but all the preparation takes place within the silence of our own soul."
The morning will include quiet contemplation, wisdom talks, sacred music, and peaceful walks on the beautiful grounds. Randee Vasilakos, registered Science of Mind Practitioner, will be available to assist with prayers for personal healing. People of all faiths and traditions, or no tradition, are welcome to attend. The retreat is by donation; \$20 is suggested. 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.
The Ojai Photography Club will feature photographer Joshua Curry as its guest presenter for October. The free event, "Defining Your Style," will be held at 7 p.m. on Oct. 17, 2017, in Help of Ojai's Kent Hall, 111 W. Santa Ana St.

Curry is a full time professional photographer working in the fields of editorial and commercial photography. Monthly free presentations are part of the Ojai Photography Club's community service and education outreach. The general public is always welcome to attend.
The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month, February – November. Only members may submit images for critique. More information is available at: www.ojaiphotoclub.com/

Actor, playwright, and scholar Stephanie Satie will visit the Ojai Library at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 14 to perform her solo play Coming to America: Transformations. This performance depicts a gallery of women whose lives have been transformed, first by extraordinary events in their country of birth, and then by their response to America.

The first in her family to be born in America, Satie was always hungry for a sense of her history. Neither her mother's nor her father's family ever spoke of "the old country." This event is free and open to the public. For additional information, contact Ron Solórzano, Regional Librarian 218-9146.

The Ojai Library is located at 111 East Ojai Ave. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

The Ojai Valley Library Friends and Foundation and its book store, Twice-Sold Tales, invites you to its Annual Ojai Day Weekend Book Sale.

Hundreds of books will be on sale at prices that range from 50c to \$2.00!
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All proceeds from the sale are used by the Friends of the Ojai Library for the special programs offered to the community at the three Ojai Libraries. For further information, visit <http://www.ovlff> or check out the OVLFF Facebook page.

City Council speaks out
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· We believe in and stand for values of inclusion, equity and justice. We condemn islamophobia, racism, sexism and xenophobia in rhetoric or action.
· We welcome all people and recognize the rights of individuals to live their lives with dignity, free of discrimination based on their faith, race, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or immigration status.
· We will continue our work in making our services and programs accessible and open to all individuals.
· We believe in the public sector for the public good. Advancing equity and inclusion is critical to the success of our communities and our nation. Section 2: The City Council desires that these principles be reflected in how the City conducts its business and how our City officials, employees, and residents treat each other.

CAPS TV and radio are streaming
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look into becoming a Member/Producer at CAPS Media. If you are interested (or just curious) orientation meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month. HD videography/camera classes are on the 2nd Thursday, Final Cut postproduction editing classes are on the 3rd Thursday, and CAPS Radio (KPPQ, FM 104.1) holds classes on the 4th week. In every training session Member/Producers receive hands-on instruction in videography, video editing, radio production and more. All classes begin at 6pm at the CAPS Media Center, 65 Day Road. Once trained member/producers may check out CAPS Media's equipment to record their story and then book editing suites to craft the story they want to tell.

CAPS Media's mission is to create an engaged and informed community through participation in electronic media. Go to capsmedia.org to see programming schedules, search the archives for past programs, get general info and sign up for classes. Anyone who lives, works or attends school in the city of Ventura may become a Member/Producer. Annual membership fees are only \$25 for an individual and \$75 for a non-profit organization. CAPS Radio DJs require an additional annual fee of \$50. For complete information go to capsmedia.org.

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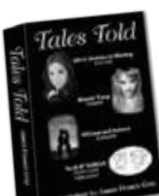
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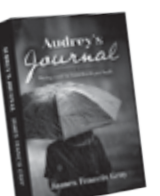
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by Pam Baumgardner
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There are a couple of high profile events coming up. Let's start with The Seaside Highland Games (a Scottish/Celtic Festival) which hits town every Fall. They'll have all kinds of games and activities including music all day long on several stages over the weekend of October 14th and 15th at the fairgrounds. Some of the acts performing will be Blackwaterside, The Angry Brians, Hidden Fifth, Slingo Rags, Highland Way, and Three for Joy.

The Ventura Beach Party in conjunction with the Ventura Marathon will be held down along the promenade at the Ventura Pier. There is no charge for this one and there will be music during the day over the weekend of October 21 and 22nd with Lightnin' Willie, Sunnie Paxson, Sonic Boom, Paul Mars Black and Acoustic Generation performing.

Then there is the C.A.R.L. fundraiser on Saturday, October 21 at the Hong Kong Inn. This one donates all proceeds to the Canine Adoption and Rescue League and has Kelly's Lot, Orphan Jon and the Abandon featuring Johnny Main, along with special guests all evening long including performances from Ray Jaurique, Michael Golden and Jerry McWorter.

Hi Hat Entertainment as a couple of weeks of amazing nights of music you won't want to miss at the Hong Kong Inn. First on Friday, October 13, it's The Forty Fours; then the following week, October 20, it's Alastair Greene's CD release of Dream Train. Greene has embarked on his solo career after playing with the Alan Parsons Project for the past 7 years.

Speaking of new music, Kelly Z (Zirbes) has a brand-new CD just released called Rescue. Kelly said that all 8 tracks were recorded in 2011 by Chuck Kavooras at SlideAway Studio; however, the project was never finished, that is until Kelly was asked to provide the vocal tracks. It really is quite impressive!

Quick Notes: Vintura at the Wine Rack will be hosting a special fundraiser for the Ventura Cancer Resource Center on Thursday, October 12th from 7-10 pm with singer/songwriter, Karen 805 entertaining; Spencer the Gardener returns to Discovery on Friday, October 13; One Square Mile featuring members of the Circle Jerks and Saccharine Trust will be at the Garage on Saturday October 14 and Motörbabe (female Motörhead tribute band) on Friday October 20; after playing at the Highland Games, The Angry Brians will be jamming at Grapes and Hops on Saturday, October 14 then Shawn Jones recently back after another European tour will be playing the next day on Sunday afternoon, October 15; and The Jelly opens for The Motels on Sunday, October 22 at the Canyon Club.

And finally, CAPS Media's radio station is now streaming live at www.capsmedia.org/radio. You can catch The Pam Baumgardner Music Hour every Tuesday at 5 with a rebroadcast on Friday at 5 and Sunday at noon.

Do you have any music-related news or upcoming shows you want help publicizing? Please send all information short or long to Pam@VenturaRocks.com, and for updated music listings daily, go to www.VenturaRocks.com.

Music Calendar

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Sat 10/14: The Inside Break

Boatyard Pub
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Tuesdays: Jason Ho
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Thurs 10/12: Self Righteous Brothers
Fri 10/13: Rick Whitfield

Sat 10/14: Otis Hayes
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Thurs & Fridays: 5:30 – 8:30 pm Warren Takahashi

Copa Cubana
Ventura Harbor Village
Week nights 7 pm; Sundays 3 pm
Tuesdays: The Jerry McWorter Trio
Fri 10/13: Havana Cinco
Sat 10/14: Havana Cinco

Sun 10/15: Roger Bridges Band
Fri 10/20: Havana Cinco
Sat 10/21: Havana Cinco
Sun 10/22: Hot Roux

Dargan's Irish Pub
593 E. Main Street
Sun 10/15: 4 pm The Sunday Drivers
Discovery
1888 Thompson Blvd
Late Fridays 10 pm: Flashback Fridays
Late Saturdays 10 pm: Disco Bowl
Thurs 10/12: Gonzo w/ Derinkuyu
Fri 10/13: Spencer the Gardener
Sat 10/14: Metalachi

Thurs 10/19: Pato Banton
Fri 10/20: Herbal Rootz
Sat 10/21: (noon – 5) Funhaus Polka Band
El Rey Cantina
294 E. Main Street

Fridays: 4 pm Xoco Moraza and Friends
Saturdays: 9:30 DJ Erock

Garage
1091 Scandia
Sat 10/14: One Square Mile
Fri 10/20: Motorbabe

Gigi's Cocktails
2493 Grand Avenue
(805) 642-2411
Thurs, Fri & Sat: Karaoke

Golden China
760 S. Seaward
(805) 652-0688
Karaoke seven nights a week 9 pm
Tuesdays 7 pm: Open Mic

Grapes and Hops
454 E. Main Street
Fri and Sat 8 pm; Sundays 3 pm
Fri 10/13: Tex Pistols
Sat 10/14: Alastair Greene; The Angry Brians
Sun 10/15: Shawn Jones Trio
Fri 10/20: Shane & Maggie
Sat 10/21: Barrelhouse Wailers
Sun 10/22: Déjà vu Too

Hong Kong Inn
435 E. Thompson Blvd
Mondays: Karaoke
Thursdays: Gypsy Blues Band
Fri 10/13: Hi Hat Entertainment presents The Forty Fours
Sat 10/14: The Brian Faith Band
Sun 10/15: Misunderstood
Fri 10/20: Hi Hat Entertainment presents Alastair Greene CD release party
Sat 10/21: C.A.R.L. Fundraiser with Kelly's Lot; Orphan Jon & the Abandon; Ray Jaurique...
Sun 10/22: Del Franklin

Keynote Lounge
10245 Telephone Road
Tuesday and Wednesday: Karaoke
Thursday: Open Mic
Sunday: Karaoke
Fri 10/13: Vital Itch
Sat 10/14: Black Canyon Band
Fri 10/20: CRV
Sat 10/21: Reign

Leashless Brewing
585 E. Thompson Blvd.
Wed 10/11: Goodnight Kiss Trio
Wed 10/18: Jade Hendrix
Thurs 10/19: Jason Ho

Made West Brewing
1744 Donlon Street
Thurs 6 pm; Sat 4 pm; Sun 3 pm
Thurs 10/12: Shea Salisbury
Sat 10/14: Bad Leaf
Sun 10/15: Anchor and Bear
Thurs 10/19: Jacob Cole
Sat 10/21: Sea at Last

Margarita Villa
Ventura Harbor Village
Fri 10/13: James Broz
Sat 10/14: Inertia
Sun 10/15: Operations 90's
Sat 10/21: The Swillys
Sun 10/22: Venise Terry Band

O'Leary's
6555 Telephone Road
Tuesdays: Free Jukebox
Wednesdays: Karaoke

Paddy's
2 W. Main Street
Wednesdays: Karaoke
Fri & Sat: DJs

Prime
2209 E. Thompson Blvd
Tuesdays: Danny D
Fridays: Mike Moody
Saturdays: Jessica Ash

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Thursdays: DJ Spinobi
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Sat 10/14: DJ Pistolero
Fri 10/20: Seaside Band
Sat 10/21: Corpse I Stole

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2351 E. Main Street
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Thurs 10/12: Homes 5
Fri 10/13: Janis Mann
Sat 10/14: Bruce Forman's Cow Bop
Tues 10/17: Jazz Jam
Wed 10/18: H03

Thurs 10/19: Dogfish
Fri 10/20: Doug Webb Group featuring Danny Carey (TOOL)
Sat 10/21: Native Vibe

Star Lounge
343 E. Main Street
Tues: Karaoke
Thurs: DJ Trovlbe
Fri 10/13: CRV
Sat 10/14: Pull the Trigger
Fri 10/20: Shawn Jones
Sat 10/21: Deborah Jenssen Band

Surf Brewery
4561 Market Street
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The Tavern
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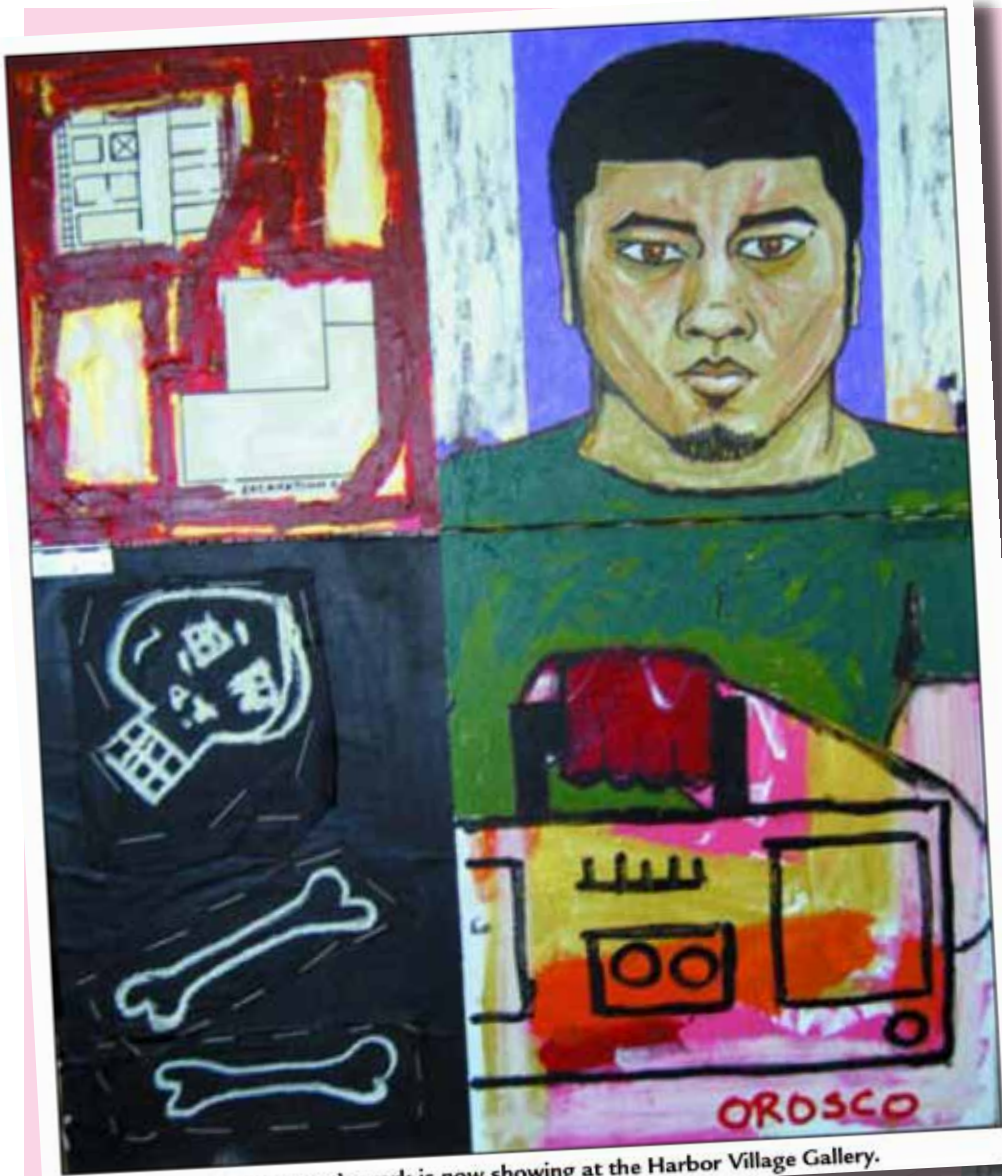
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Metal Wednesdays
Get it Right Thursday DJs
Fri 10/13: The Caverns
Sat 10/14: Dojo Loach
Fri 10/20: Rich Sheldon
Sat 10/21: 50 Sticks of Dynamite

Ventura Beach Party
on promenade next to Pier
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Sat 10/21: Lightnin' Willie, goCcal, Sunnie Paxson
Sun 10/22: Sonic Boom, Paul Mars Black, Acoustic Generation

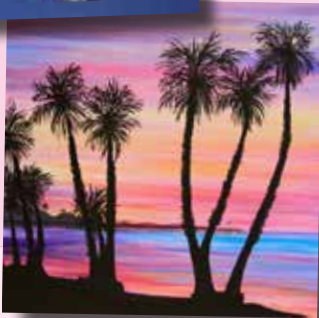
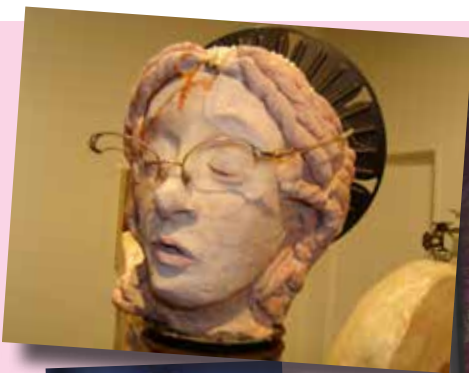
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Sun 10/15: Seaside Games w/ Highland Way, The Angry Brians, Blackwaterside, more...

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Fri 10/20: Encanto das Aguas
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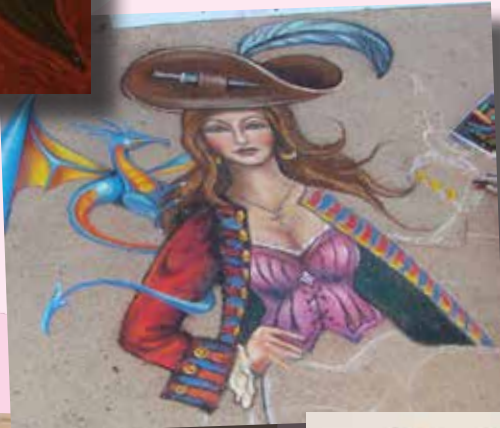


Arturo Orosco's work is now showing at the Harbor Village Gallery.



Our first art piece from our first issue.

And a selection of art from previous issues.





This 'n' That

The comics, crossword, horoscope and sudoku will be on the web site for this week only!



Jerry Mendelson and Paul Magie will do vacation checks on your home while you're away.

What is a VPD VIP?

by Jerry Mendelsohn

Ventura Police Department Volunteer

What is a VIP? Well, other than a shortcut to a definition of Very Important Person, the Ventura Police Department uses the abbreviation to identify a successful program it implemented over a decade ago--Volunteers In Policing.

Who are these people, and what do they do? Having been one for almost 7 years, allow me to simply say that each person is someone who wants to "pay it forward" by giving back to the community, has some time to volunteer, and believes in the merits of law and order.

Both men and women participate. Though most are retired, their backgrounds show talents as teachers, school administrators, corporate positions, business owners, law enforcement, and so on. Stringent background checks precede an invitation to a police "academy," and, upon graduation, it is suggested that a volunteer attempt to give a minimum of 16 hours or more of service per month.

You have probably seen VIPs around town in marked white vehicles, either vans or SUVs. They are radio-equipped so VIPs can be in touch with the police station's "comcenter"--dispatch--and vice versa, for assignments and anything else with which VIPs can help. VIPs typically patrol in pairs.

The primary purpose of the VIP is to be a "visible presence" in the community and to aid the regular, sworn officers as needed, primarily to relieve them of some of the duties that might occupy their time when they could be better utilized as crime fighters involved with more serious issues that, unfortunately, impact every community.

VIPs commonly do traffic control when needed. They are permitted to issue some citations for non-moving violations, such as parking illegally, etc. Indeed, Ventura had a fairly frequent problem of people parking in designated handicapped spots but with no displayed placard.

Partially through a concerted, continual effort by the VIPs, handicapped parking violations have diminished dramatically.

VIPs often will take written reports of non-injury accidents, interacting with the victims, calling for back-up of an

officer if needed, and then entering said reports into the police system, typically for insurance companies. Further, VIPs will assist officers with transportation of personal property of vagrants and others who the officers may need to take to a hospital or jail.

VIPs are called to residences to, again, take written reports on home and auto burglaries. While city residents are invited to file online reports, many do not or are uncomfortable with doing so, so VIPs assist.

As a community service, VIPs will do vacation checks on your home while you're away, walking your property to verify doors and windows are secure, that there appears to be no break-in attempts, and that your property seems OK until you return. Visible signs of an owner being away, such as door-hangers and newspapers, or trash cans left out, may be picked up and/or put away as is feasible.

The VIP may patrol school zones, with a keen eye out for suspicious loiterers or people perhaps sitting in cars who don't belong there or are acting strangely.

Other tasks also fill up VIP shifts, but I've tried to identify some of the more frequent ones. Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you may contact the Ventura Police Department Civic Engagement Specialist at 339-4317.



Executive Director Derek Poultney, Ventura Mayor Erik Nasarenko and Board President Paul Meehan welcomed those attending name change.

VLT Rebranding Party

by John Hankins

Trustee for the VLT

The Ventura Hillside Conservancy is now called the Ventura Land Trust (VLT), a name change driven by significant opportunities for public recreation and land restoration, more members, business partners and funding.

"This is a very important evolution in our history," said Executive Director Derek Poultney at the rebranding party Oct. 5 at Ventura City Hall. "This is a formal excuse to share with you that we have a much bigger vision and are on the cusp of something huge."

That 'something' is the likelihood for permanent public access into about more than 2,000 acres of now-private lands along the rivers, hills and valleys

often visible and inviting, but no trespassing is allowed.

"That is exciting," Ventura city Mayor Eric Nasarenko said to cheers and applause. "It will bring economic vitality, open up the tourist market and showcase what makes Ventura so special."

Poultney noted that, "for decades we've had to go to Ojai, Santa Monica Mountains and Santa Barbara to have the outdoor experience." This "gift to the community" is permanent, he stressed, as even National Parks can be taken away by political action.

The Hillside Conservancy formed in 2003 when a group of citizens rallied together to monitor housing projects encroaching on Ventura's natural background. It became well-known for its success by attracting thousands of volunteers for education programs, hands-on restoration, and the popular Wild and Scenic Film Festival.

It already has two properties along the Ventura River, transforming the landscape to its natural state, along with habitat stewardship throughout the county. VLT is negotiating for 2,100 acres of prime open space in the hills above Ventura to provide miles of nature trails for hiking, biking, and simple enjoyment.

"The time is right to update our name and look," Poultney said, emphasizing that Ventura has waited generations for owners willing to sell properties that are so near, yet so far away for public access.

The rebranding party attracted local politicians or their reps, businesses, volunteers and members. Most of all, credit was given to the "insane amount of work" by VLT's staff and by its board of trustees.

To leap forward, "we need everybody's skin in the game," he concluded and urged the public and businesses to help support what is a "game-changer for Ventura."

To join, volunteer or sponsor events, call the VLT at 643-8044 or visit: www.VenturaLandTrust.org



Photographer Karey Cottrell climbed a ladder onto the roof to get all guests into the photo!

Hawk wedding soars!

by Jennifer Tipton

We've all had that invite to a wedding when it feels more like an obligation than an opportunity to attend, not this one!

A little history... at 59, Jim Hawk had married before, he and his two sons had been on their own for some time. Jim had dated but never met the "right" woman and Lisa at 53 had never married although she had the chance more than once.

The two met at a friend's birthday party but it was "hit and miss" for some time, (I was really hoping to hear "love at first sight"--much more romantic). The first few dates were on the marginal side, but because of the advice of a friend, Bobbi Blum Palmer who is a dating and relationship coach for women over 40, Lisa stayed with it. The advice paid off when Lisa realized she missed Jim when they were apart and this was a first.

Jim proposed to Lisa while vacationing in Paris, France in 2016 just two days after her birthday (now that's romantic!).

On Saturday, September 16th Jim Hawk married Lisa Ross in a most exceptional ceremony and celebration to follow.

The ceremony took place at the couple's home on the hillside in Ventura which they refer to as "Hawk's Nest". The wedding/reception was a beach theme since they share an affection for the beach, even Jim's boutonniere was a starfish. They were married beneath a driftwood arch handcrafted by a friend, Rich LaJoie, with the view of the city behind them as Jim's brother, Dave officiated the ceremony. Jim had lost his dad in February so it was very touching that it was his dad's wedding band Lisa placed on Jim's finger. Also touching was Lisa's 91-year-old mother walking her only daughter down the aisle and the radiant look on Lisa's face as she gazed at her soon to be husband.

At the house everything was spectacular, a large framed photo for guests to sign, a mimosa bar, a variety of beer, tempting appetizers such as an antipasto platter, bruschetta and caprese skewers. There was a large "Nothing Bundt Cake", assorted small ones, and a most impressive cake that looked like an actual sand castle! But it gets so much better...

From here, the 150 guests were taken by shuttle to the Ventura Beach Club where the attendance was close to 400! Upon entering, there was a complementary whiskey and cigar area, a fun photo booth that served as a guestbook and of course, sea shells everywhere!

The large dinner buffet was provided by a friend, Cathie Moreno who pulled off some very tasty food with no kitchen on site! A favorite feature was the candy "bar" where beach themed treats stood in fishbowls including gummy worms labeled "bait" and green licorice labeled "seaweed". Guests were encouraged to fill a bag that read "Happily Ever After" to take home. There was a no host bar and music that was so good even those that don't dance were on the dance floor. Just when you thought it couldn't get any better, a complimentary hot dog cart arrived with all the goodies.



Who needs Pokemon?

The Ventura Breeze has a new Facebook page for hiding and finding painted rocks: "Ventura Breeze Painted Rocks" can be found at www.facebook.com/venturabreeze/.

There are many people taking part in this unique outdoor treasure hunt around the world. Ventura Breeze Painted Rocks wants to help spread this activity, and help share it with as many people as possible in Ventura, and beyond.

When you find one of our rocks (turn it over to see if it is one of ours), take a photo of you holding it and post it at www.facebook.com/venturabreeze. Also, send us a message to let us know where you will be hiding it next.

If you want the photo to be included in the Ventura Breeze, please email editor@venturabreeze.com.



Show Time

Kingsman: The Golden Circle



Breeze rating from 1 to 4 palm trees, 4 being best.

by Manuel Reynoso

Kingsman: The Golden Circle is a 2017 action film produced and directed by Matthew Vaughn and written by Vaughn and Jane Goldman. Sequel to *Kingsman: The Secret Service* (2014), based on the comic book series *Kingsman*, created by Dave Gibbons and Mark Millar. Starring Colin Firth, Taron Egerton, Mark Strong, Edward Holcroft, Sophie Cookson, and Hanna Alström reprising their roles from the first film, with Julianne Moore, Halle Berry, Pedro Pascal, Elton John, Channing Tatum, and Jeff Bridges joining the cast

When the Kingsmen are successfully attacked from all sides, the remaining Kingsmen must team up with the American based Statesman organization to tackle a new world threat.

I love a good action movie from time to time, but I am definitely picky. I like 'em lean, I like 'em mean, and I like 'em real clean. Now when I say lean, I don't necessarily mean short. I just don't want the film bogged down by a superfluous amount of plot. Give me the backstory, create a strong setting, hit the inciting event in just over 10 minutes, and then run wild. Once we're running, I want it to be mean. PG-13 action flicks just don't have the same kick as a gruesome rated R slugfest. Lastly, I want to see some clean visuals and tight fight choreography.

Now *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* is certainly mean. It has great, over-the-top action scenes that absolutely made

me giddy. The fight choreography itself is also pretty clean, and avoids overuse of quick cuts and shaky cam ridden scenes. However, It's unfortunately rather difficult to recommend *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* when the film is just way to painstakingly long.

It's an absolute slog to get through the non-action scenes. The few tasty morsels are hidden in a stew of boring exposition and needless backstory. *Kingsman: The Golden Circle* has no excuse being 2 hours and 20 minutes. It feels completely padded and just brings down the overall quality of the film. 40 minutes could be trimmed from the film and the film would be substantially better. Especially that awful, awful music festival scene. Axe that, with a literal axe, please.

Sound mixing as well was a bit hit and miss in my opinion. Some scenes are obnoxiously loud with, at least according to my taste, ill-fitting music leading the scene. Quite a shame considering the first theatrical trailer was absolutely amazing. Hearing Frank Sinatra's *My Way* lead me to believe they'd keep up with this style, but was disappointed by the soundtrack they chose.

The acting on the other hand is great. The new Statesman characters juxtapose really well with the Kingsman, but with so many new characters, the film finds it very difficult to give each character ample screen time to really develop them into something great. The biggest travesty it's how much of Channing Tatum's character is just robbed of screen time. Pacing yet again is to blame with the lack of sufficient character development.

Now I really enjoyed about 45 minutes worth of the film. Which wouldn't be a problem if there was another hour and a half tacked right on to it. An action movie with heroes based on British and American caricatures is such a strong gimmick. It's goofy and fun but unless the potential sequel can be more focused, I don't see the *Kingsman* series being worth any sort of special praise. Rated R 2h 21m



Zombies will roam the promenade. Photo by Richard Lieberman.

Ventura Harbor Village hosts Kids Seaside Trick or Treat and “Thriller”

Ventura Harbor Village is getting into the spooky spirit with lots of Halloween happenings this month and there is no better place to be than seaside on Saturday, October 28, from 1-3pm for Kid Seaside Trick or Treat and Thrill the World.

Dress up the kids and navigate through the waterfront village with over 20 treat stops at participating Harbor boutiques and restaurants. It will be an afternoon full of Halloween sweets, face painting and family fun!

Participation for the Trick or Treat is complimentary.

That very same day, Zombies will roam the promenade and come together for a world record breaking dance to “Thriller” by Michael Jackson. Spectators be sure to show up by 3pm to catch the dance in action. However, if you want to participate, it takes some preparation! Learn the dance, by joining Molly at FitZone in Ventura for classes. Ages 6 and up are welcome to join in on the fun. To sign up, email Molly@FitZoneVen-

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Impact of domestic violence on homelessness

A program serving homeless children and families in Ventura will be hosting their third annual event highlighting the connection and impact of domestic violence on homelessness.

Team Up Against Domestic Violence is being hosted by The City Center Transitional Living and will take place on Thursday, October 12 from 6 to 8pm at The River Community Church, 889 East Santa Clara St. Tickets are available at www.teamup-againststdv.eventbrite.com.

“Most people are shocked when they hear me say that more than a third of homeless children and families in Ventura are escaping domestic abuse in their homes,” says Jim Duran, The City Center Executive Director. “Domestic violence has a direct and tragic effect on the lives of vulnerable children and families in Ventura. And The City Center is on the front lines of this issue.”

Guest speakers will include domestic violence survivor Ericka King, Ventura City Council member Mike Tracy, Ventura County Assistant Sheriff William Ayub, radio celebrity Tom Spence as well as additional powerful testimonies from current residents of The City Center. Kris Simeon, Jermarie Dizon, Monse Casmiro, Unko Henry, and Charleen Morla of Dirty Rice will provide special musical performances.

The City Center helps homeless families by providing a temporary, safe place to call home. During their residency, clients find stability so they can focus on getting their life under control and obtaining the help and necessary skills they need to get back on their feet.

The City Center’s transitional housing program includes a high level of accountability with the goal of transitioning clients into long-term housing within one year.

Clients contribute 30% of their income for housing and services while 20% is saved for future financial stability. Clients must also be employed or actively engaged in seeking employment. Services include comprehensive professional case management, spiritual and life mentoring, job placement services, and other critical needs.

“The board, staff and volunteers at The City Center are pleased to share the stories of hope and restoration made possible because of the courage of our residents,” says Duran.

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available and students can also use their cell phones (when appropriate) for instructional purposes.

The school mascot is Dragons and although there is no gymnasium on campus, there is a Core Athletics Program (CAP) similar to what universities offer that was developed about four years ago. Students can choose from classes offered at Maverick’s Gym, Ventura College and the Ventura Aquatics Center. There are 11 sports and 37 teams to choose from.

Principal Bova reports that the students at Foothill are given more homework than kids at other high schools, with the honors and A.P. (advanced placement) students averaging 3-4 hours of homework per night. While many graduates go directly to a 4-year university, 40-45% go to Ventura College first. Bova states, “the success rate is really good, not only are the students well prepared for a university, many come back saying it’s easier than it was at Foothill (unless of course we’re talking about Harvard!)”.

Famous Alumni? I could only find one, Brandon Paak Anderson (stage name Anderson Paak), a singer, songwriter, rapper drummer and record producer that graduated from Foothill Technology High School.

Bragging rights? Foothill Technology High School won the National Blue-Ribbon Award in 2006 and again in 2012. The school also ranks in the 308th spot nationally, 53rd in all of California’s high schools and 63rd of all the magnet high schools.

For more information visit [foothill technology.org](http://foothilltechnology.org).



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