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City of Ventura's business loans Part 1: Barber Automotive Group

by Tim Pompey

The city of Ventura has recently been involved in helping two local businesses secure sizeable loans for relocation and facility upgrades.

Barber Automotive Group received a loan for \$300,000 to help with its relocation from Thompson Boulevard to the former Todey Hyundai/Mitsubishi site at the Ventura Auto Center. The Player's Casino received a loan for \$850,000 to help expand its current location on Auto Center Drive to include a kitchen, restaurant and additional space for poker tables.

"The concept of cities providing loans to businesses is commonplace," said Jeff Lambert, Ventura's community development director. "We've been doing it for 10 years here in Ventura on a small scale."

Still, as Jay Panzica, the city's chief financial officer, is quick to point out, the city is not in danger of competing with any local banks. "In general, the city is not in the business of making loans,"



Thanks to a loan from the City of Ventura Barber Subaru will be moving to the Ventura Auto Center

he said. "However, there are unique circumstances where the city can help with the economic development of a specific business."

City council member Neal Andrews explained the general parameters for these types of loans. "These loans are made from economic development funds," he said, "are subject to intense

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Future championship surfers start off at Surf Camp. Photo by Carter Friedman.

Young people introduced to the challenge of the sea

The Boys & Girls Club of Ventura's Oak View Center hosted World Champion Surfer, best-selling author and filmmaker, Shaun Tomson on July 17 at their Oak View Center which was the opening day of their Third Annual Surf Camp sponsored by the Ventura Surf Club.

He discussed ocean safety and the challenges of the sea along with sharing a video of his award-winning film and excerpts from his best-selling book, "Surfer's Code: 12 Simple Lessons for Riding Through Life".

scrutiny as to their capacity to repay, are interest bearing, and have a personal guarantee by the principal owner of the business."

Why did the city help provide loans for these particular projects? Simply stated, the potential for a significant increase in sales tax revenue. Even more important, in the case of Barber Automotive's Subaru dealership, it kept them in Ventura.

Lambert explained how the city became involved with Barber Automotive. "We received a one-time payment from the state in excess tax money," said Lambert. "Rather than pay bills with it, we created a revenue enhancement fund. It's a fund that we've used to provide loans that get paid back."

Lambert noted how the city had used these funds to help two previous dealerships, Bunning and Jaguar. "We just used the same strategy with Subaru," he said.

For Gil Alcalá, Barber Automotive's general manager and vice president, the expansion of their Subaru dealership came down to a choice. Subaru of America wanted them to move to a different location and invest \$800,000 in facility upgrades. "The city came to us and offered the loan to stay in Ventura because Subaru was saying you should move to Santa Barbara or Oxnard," said Alcalá. "The city came to us to keep the business here."

Alcalá described their dilemma. "If we wanted to stay in the city, and we

The next day the group traveled to Silverstrand Beach to learn to surf.

He emphasized, "Always paddle back. You always have to try. And use the words 'I will' if you want to get things done, those are the two most important words in the English Language."

The generosity of the Ventura Surf Club has made the Surf Program possible for three years. Most of the youth involved in the program have never surfed before and some of them have never been in the ocean.

needed \$800,000 to upgrade to Subaru's standards, we would have had higher interest rates on a normal commercial loan and used up our credit line."

Instead, the city offered them a deal. Stay in Ventura and they would help defray their costs with a loan for \$300,000 at six percent interest.

Lambert described the city's loan agreement with Barber Automotive. "One payment is paid back in three \$50,000 increments," he said. "The first payment is when they open their doors. They're under construction now and they hope to open in August. So when they do open, Subaru International will give them a \$50,000 check to make their first repayment. Two additional Subaru payments will be made—one at the end of the first year, August 2013, and another in August 2014, assuming they make their sales projections."

The city also enhanced the deal by offering to let Barber Automotive use part of the increased sales tax revenue they would generate to pay off the additional \$150,000. "Of the new sales tax they generate, above and beyond what we now collect from them on Thompson," said Lambert, "50% of that will go to pay back the loan. We anticipate, at the longest, the loan will be paid back in 10 years, and more than likely 6 years if they meet their sales projections."

Alcalá also noted how the city helped



The wonderful Music Under The Stars continues with the vivacious Sweet Baby J'ai back by popular demand

Music Under the Stars summer concert series

Dine, dance and delight all summer long at "Music under the Stars"—Ventura's popular concert series outdoors at the historic Olivas Adobe, on Saturday evenings until September 8. Tickets are \$20. Current military and their dependents receive a 50% discount on tickets and reserved tables. Gates open for dining at 6:30 pm with performances from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Purchase tickets at the door or reserve at 658-4726. Full lineup information is available at www.cityofventura.net/mus

On July 28 Sweet Baby J'ai (R&B/Pop) will be returning from her successful appearance last year when she (with very little notice) replaced her friend Barbara Morrison who was ill.

Sweet Baby J'ai told us "Hi Sheldon! Has it been a year?!! Thank you again for recommending my return to the Olivas Adobe. We had such an incredible time last year under the stars that for a moment I thought we were on another planet...the Red Planet! We had a red hot time, do you remember? Do your readers remember how much fun we had? We had perfect weather, we danced; all of us, I actually got off the stage and joined in! It was great music, great fun and I felt like I made great friends. Get ready 'cause here we come on July 28th with a little blues, a little jazz and a little rock n' fun! You can sit and listen, you can sing with me or you and come

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by Johanna Spinks
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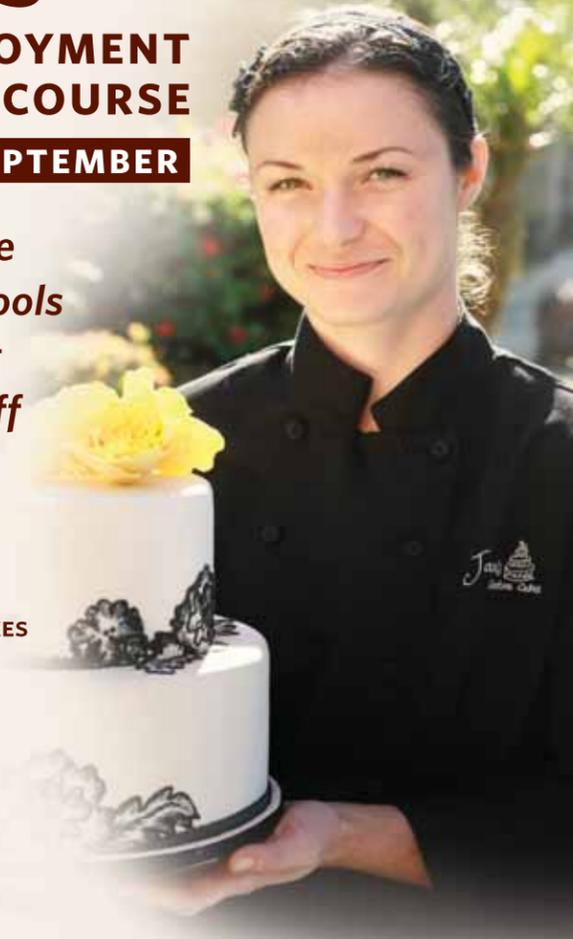
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Ventura artist Sara Smelt is always sure to send the latest issue of the Breeze to her mum in England, Sylvia Smelt so that mum knows what is going on in her daughter's town.

Mum gave her issue to a friend to also read, we are sorry but we don't know her friend's name but she does look a little familiar.

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The Breeze's own Karlene Lang caught this gigantic rockfish off the south side of Santa Cruz Island recently using as she said "something very slimy and smelly" as bait (her husband said it was leftovers from last night's dinner)!

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Local artist M.B. Hanrahan, along with her art students, have completed this wonderful mural on the side of the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura Thrift Store, located at 222 Ventura Avenue.

Helping, (by staying out of the way except for this photo) was store manager John "JD" Drury who stated that "We are thrilled with the wonderful mural that M.B. and her kids have contributed to the art scene of Ventura and I thank them all."

The Thrift Store carries everything imaginable and is open 7 days a week and will pick up merchandise, they can be reached at 667-8855.



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"The race will be done entirely on foot—no bikes, cars or skates allowed—with up to 18 objectives to achieve," said City of Ventura Adult Sports Coordinator and event organizer Adam Singleton. "Teams can get a little phone help from their friends and use their smart phones to take the required photos to document the dares completed at each checkpoint. The first team to figure out how to find and complete all checkpoints dares and get all the required photos wins!"

Register (\$20 per team) using the code 32123 at www.cityofventura.net/eRecreation or call 658-4726 (M-F 8-5, closed alternate Fridays).

For more information contact Adult Sports Coordinator Adam Singleton at 658-4743 or asingleton@cityofventura.net.

City of Ventura's Fleet and Facilities Manager, Mary Joyce Ivers, was recently designated a Public Works Leadership Fellow by the American Public Works Association (APWA). As a PWLF fellow, Ivers will mentor public works professionals enrolled in the APWA Donald C. Stone Center for Leadership Excellence (DCS Center) throughout the year. She is among 170 public works professionals from across North America who were recently inducted as Leadership Fellows (PWLF). The APWA Donald C. Stone Center's Program Council determines the selection of recipients for the PWLF designation.

Ivers has more than 20 years of experience in fleet and facilities management, including 11 years of managerial experience working in the field of public works. As the Ventura Fleet and Facilities Division Manager within Public Works, she leads a team of highly motivated, dedicated employees including three supervisors, a management analyst, and 17 front-line staff.

"Through APWA's Donald C. Stone Public Works Leadership Fellow program, I hope to continue to build on a strong passion for the public works field and to educate our community on our value and

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dedication to the quality of life we enjoy in our daily lives," said Ivers.

Ivers' educational and professional background includes a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology from California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA, and a Master of Business Administration degree from California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks. She has also earned a Certified Public Fleet Professional Credential from APWA in 2008, and was a member of the City of Ventura Leadership Academy for Managers in 2008, and the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Academy in 2002.

Grant programs available

The City of Ventura is offering a grant program open to event organizers staging festivals and events in Ventura that activate public spaces and increase visitor spending. Applicants must be a Ventura based nonprofit or an agency partnering with a Ventura based nonprofit and grants will be used to cover all or a portion of City of Ventura Special Event Permit fees. Events taking place September 2012-February 2013 must submit their applications by July 30, 2012 at 5 pm. Events taking place March 2013-August 2013 must submit their application by January 31, 2013 at 5 pm.

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Classes held at Barranca Vista Park 7050 Ralston St., Ventura, unless noted otherwise.

Need for speed in networking

On Thursday, July 26th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm, Ventura Chamber's YPG will co-host a Countywide Professional Speed Networking Experience. Also participating are United Way's YLS (Young Leaders Society) and Ventura County Economic Development Association's VCEDA 2.0. The event will take place at DCH Lexus of Oxnard located at 1640 Auto Center Drive, Oxnard. The public is invited to enjoy an exciting and high-impact networking event that will produce exceptional results for business networking.

Music Under the Stars

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with your dancing shoes on, and there'll be something for everyone! Looking forward to seeing everyone's bright smiling faces again! Much peace, love and blessings, Sweet Baby J'ai."

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Business loans, Barber Automotive

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them on another front—fast tracking the permit process. "We wanted to keep the business in Ventura, and they did facilitate the building permit process," he said. "They put it on a fast track and everything got done expeditiously."

Subaru is currently one of the hottest auto retailers in the U.S. Alcalá pointed to Barber Automotive's potential increase in sales over the next five years. With sales currently at 9.3 million dollars, that number is projected to increase to 12 million in 2012 and 15.3 million by 2017. The city will receive about 1% of the total sales revenues.

From Lambert's viewpoint, the loan is a smart investment in the city's economy. "By helping the dealer relocate," he said, "they have a much more visible and bigger location on 101, and we fully expect that they'll have an increase in sales, and by that we'll be able to generate more sales tax."

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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
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Recent news regarding Ventura County that the "area heat wave to crest today" was good to hear as it was almost 75 here in Ventura and I was roasting.

I had a recent call from a lady that was upset that in one of our police reports we stated that a gentleman had "fled" from police and she wanted to correct us that he hadn't "fled" at all. Please let me explain that we don't make up these reports (and facts) and if the police said that he fled that is what we write so that if this lady felt that that was wrong please contact the police and if they revise the report accordingly we will be happy to report it.

And, just a suggestion if anyone named in a police report as the bad guy doesn't like the information provided how about not committing a crime to begin with (what a novel approach).

I like Mayor Mike Tracy bringing some humor into the city council meetings. Who would have expected that from an ex chief of police? I know that it is serious business but I would love to see others up there loosen up a bit and perhaps some of the speakers would also.

"People who do not know how to laugh are always pompous and self-conceited." William Thackeray

As previously reported in the Breeze a BMX bicycle track is being planned at the aquatic center located at Telephone and Kimball. The Ventura City Council has approved a final contract with the nonprofit group that plans to build and run the track.

With their 7-0 vote, the council agreed to rent about 5 acres to Erick and Lea Kozin who will run the facility. Ventura BMX will build the track and pay for construction, maintenance and

operations, as well as post a deposit with the city to pay for its removal when the contract ends.

A possible revision to Ventura's zoning code, discussed at a recent planning commission meeting would allow people to have more than 6 chickens at their home. The city has proposed to limit 6 birds in compliance with laws that restrict other domestic animals to 6 per household. But speakers and some commissioners said that they would be comfortable with a 12-bird limit (Oxnard has a 25 bird limit).

City staff members were ordered to review changes to the law regarding



I want to thank Sheeler Moving for another fine move that they just made for us. Always professional and courteous and owner Mel Sheeler is always contributing his time to make Ventura a better place for us all. That's him (on the right) with Gale Hartman Ventura PAL (Police Activity League) CFO assisting at a recent PAL event at the mall.

this matter before bringing it back to the commission for further review and approval.

My question: can you have 3 dogs, 2 cats and two chickens? Or 6 chickens and no dogs? Or do fish count, maybe if they are over 6" long? What about an elephant do they count as 3 because they are so big?

As "go chickens goes the world" (I'll have mine roasted). Will city leaders have "egg in their face" over this crucial decision? Will we have chicken police

masquerading as roosters in order to catch the chickens?

The Ventura County Local Agency Formation Commission (who?) has approved the annexation of land known as the Montalvo Islands to the City of Ventura as the first step required for approval of a proposed housing development to be located there. All of the property is surrounded (an island) by land that is within Ventura city limits, as required.

The next step will be the transferring of the property records from the county to the city which should happen in September.

No one spoke against the annexation as it was previously assumed they would. Community Development Director Jeff Lambert felt that this was because the city had met with Montalvo residents who initially opposed the annexation who then felt comfortable with the annexation after the meetings.

George Zimmerman (what kind of name is that for a Hispanic?) who is accused of killing a 17-year-old black youth, obviously doesn't have an attorney.

He recently appeared on a TV show and stated that he didn't regret anything that happened that February night when he came face to face with the unarmed teenager. He didn't regret killing him even if he felt that if it was in self defense?

He then said "I feel like it was all God's plan".

That is one strange plan that he feels God had, maybe he was mistaken and it wasn't God's plan after all.

Maybe God and the NRA should get together and discuss this.

To further demonstrate what an idiot he is (can I say that?) he must be under the impression that a person must be white to be a racist so has been speaking Spanish in You Tube to prove

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Commander: Sir or Ma'm,

I am a resident of Casitas Springs, Ventura (HWY 33). I have lived here for many years and have had little problem or bother with the traffic noise. However, lately, it has become unbearable. Not because of the normal traffic, but because of the more and more frequent blasting of cars, trucks and especially motorcycles with no mufflers. The decibels break my windows, scare my dogs, and wake me from sleep. I can not stand it anymore and demand you do something about it! I know you can enforce the noise laws, because you cited me for it for having a leaking muffler many years ago. If California wants a constant source of income to replace its dwindling economy, I can see no better way than to silence these noisy idiots. If they want loud engines, let them go to the fairgrounds on Saturday nights.

Sincerely, I've had it!

P.S. If you choose to reply to this letter, please do so in The Ventura Breeze. Please keep me anonymous, I do not want to suffer repercussions.

AN (full name withheld but verified)

Regarding the Ventura Sea Creature:

There's something fishy going on about this Ventura creature that supposedly washed up on shore to have her baby.

I don't know if it's real or a hoax, but, if real the snaggle teeth, ugly and creepy looking creature looks like it came out of a sci-fi movie. I've shown the picture to some friends and relatives and they said, "It makes you feel that you don't want to go in the water." Also, if it was real the bio-marine experts would be pretty interested in the sea creature, and we would hear more about the fish or whatever. If it is a hoax, well it's a

good one!

I name her "Miss Ugly" (for ugly)
Jan Lillehaug
Oak View

Breeze:

Where is my pension?

I arrived in California from Chicago, my birthplace, in 1948, and established a career in direct selling. This means

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To know that you do not know is the best. To pretend to know when you do not know is a disease.

-Lao-Tzu



News and Notes



Watch the pigs in action at the County Fair

The Fair behind the Fair: beyond fried food and rides that spin

by Rebecca Wicks

While the Ferris wheel and crazy fair food remain top draws for many young Venturans, consider carving out time to check out some of the lesser-known activities, contests and shows this year at the fair. They are generally wildly entertaining, and perhaps best of all, free. There are literally dozens upon dozens of activities to choose from. Here are a couple of my top picks for families at the fair.

Many kids enjoy seeing pigs, sheep, rabbits, ducks and more on display. Kick it up a notch this time and watch animals in action. Attend the rodeo where bull riding, barrel racing and roping demonstrations run the better part of the afternoon and evening the last two days of the fair. If you can't make it then, catch equestrian drill team exhibitions where horses and their riders perform synchronized routines or, watch English riding and jumping on other designated days. Another family favorite is the pig racing competition where you can root for cute little pigs in racing bibs running around a mini track.

For families with young children the Youth Pavilion is a must-where one of the biggest attractions is standing inside an exhibit where thousands of butterflies fly free around you. Dip a Q-tip in a sugary solution, hold it out and watch a butterfly land right before your eyes.

If you and your kids really want to get in the mix, there are a bevy of contests to enter which are sure to provide plenty of laughs as well as a memorable photo for years to come. For brave six-year-olds

and younger weighing under 60 pounds, there is Mutton Bustin, a competition akin to bull riding for children where kids literally ride a sheep as long as they can before being thrown off.

If danger isn't your thing, you and your kids can enter the shaving cream hat contest where after being robed in plastic, contestants use shaving cream to build the biggest hat atop their partner's head. Or, bring your appetite for traditional but fun pie eating, apple bobbing or cracker eating and whistle blowing contests. These are just some of the many contests that can be entered the day of, just prior to the start of each competition.

Getting there. I repeatedly stress this to friends, family and any one who will listen: getting there early is key when you have kids. There are virtually no lines for rides the first hour the fair is open, and there will be no need to elbow past people to get a look at the exhibits.

Now, read this second part closely. While getting there early is highly advisable, don't go to the main parking lot. Each morning when the gates open, a line of cars stack from both freeway exits inching their way toward the fairgrounds. Try taking side streets and park somewhere near Main and Garden Streets in non-metered spots if you get there early enough. From there you can walk to the main or Garden Street entrances. Another great option is to take a shuttle from one of the many park and ride spots in the city. Shuttles begin service a half hour before the gates open.

On Saturday August 11th, join local historian Richard Senate and the Friends of the Library in the quest for Lost Treasures of Ventura County, 4pm-5pm in the Topping Room, E.P. Foster Library. Refreshments will be served. Admission is Free!

RSVP by e-mail or calling Marcia Ortiz, mroortiz@earthlink.net, 643-4281 And mark your calendars for Myths and Monsters of Ventura County, Saturday, September 8th, 4pm-5pm and Fiestas of Old California, Saturday December 1st, 2pm-3pm.

Port District fills funding gaps

With the city of Ventura reducing its services due to budget constraints, the Ventura Port District has stepped in to fill gaps at Ventura Harbor by picking up the tab for lifeguard services and keeping the median strips in the harbor neatly landscaped.

The Ventura Port District has been providing lifeguard services at the popular Harbor Cove Beach for the past two years, contracting with the State Parks and Recreation Department at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 each summer. The City of Ventura used to contract with the state to pay for the lifeguards until budget cuts hit the city. The Port District maintains a mutual-assistance contract with the state, which hires the lifeguards.

"The Port District has taken on the fiscal responsibility to provide lifeguards at Harbor Cove Beach," said Harbormaster Scott Miller. "The Port District still believes public safety at the beach needs to be a priority."

The Port District will fund lifeguard service again this summer, for the third consecutive year, through Labor Day weekend. Initially there will be two lifeguards on duty each weekend and on holidays. After local schools let out for the summer break, lifeguards will staff the beach seven days a week; there will be two lifeguards on duty on the weekends and one present on weekdays.

The Port District also has assumed responsibility for median landscaping on Spinnaker, Navigator and Schooner drives in the harbor, taking this job over a year ago when the city of Ventura decided to stop providing this service. In addition,

the Port District also has taken over cleaning up the greenery buffer area separating the city's sewage treatment plant and Spinnaker Drive. The Port District spends \$31,000 annually to maintain the median landscaping and buffer area.



The students at the ESL class were all smiles at their end of year party because now they can read the Ventura Breeze

English classes at the Avenue Library

Conversational English classes (ESL) are continuing at the Avenue Library, taught by Laubach volunteers. Adult learners of English, especially beginners, are welcome to join in the friendly small group setting. All classes are free of charge and pre-registration is not necessary. The Avenue Library is located at 606 N. Ventura Ave.

The schedule is as follows:

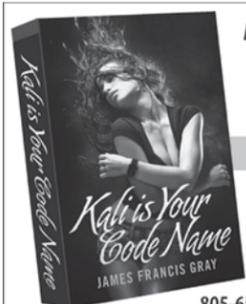
Monday 11 AM to 12:30 PM
Tuesday 2-3 PM
Wednesday 12 noon to 1:15 PM
Thursday 2-3 PM

In addition, an evening class is held at the Adult Center, 550 N. Ventura Ave, on Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 PM.

New tutors are always needed and welcome. For further information about classes contact Louise Vien at 643-7064.

Let Richard Senate beguile you

San Buenaventura Friends of the Library is planning some great programs for the summer and fall. In collaboration with E.P. Foster Library's neighbor, Bank of Books, they are delighted to present Richard Senate's Ventura.



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The celebration was held at the Elks' Lodge located on Knoll Drive in Ventura and featured speakers, food and entertainment.

The lodge was chartered in 1922. The mission of the Elks is charity and they are open to U.S. citizens who are at least 21-years-old and who believe in God.

Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

News and Notes



CAPS Chat

Community Education

by Elizabeth Rodeno

What a fun couple of weeks we have had here at CAPS. We just completed the latest in our series of Digital Storytelling classes in the Community. This time we worked with the young adults at the Boys and Girls Club of Saticoy. Ten very enthusiastic kids learned about video production from the initial stages of creating, writing and storyboarding a script to videotaping it and moved on to completion with sound and effects. They projected their completed project for staff and friends at the club last Tuesday. A special Thanks to Alex and Chris for sharing their expertise with the club.

Up next are our sold out courses in conjunction with our partner, the Ventura College Community Education program. "Lights, Camera, Action", a 12 hour course will provide training in video production as well as offering a look into the great career paths available in the media creation world. The demand was so great that we added another class which promptly sold out as well.

Of course, we have also announced our Summer Digital Storytelling classes for students ages 12-17. We offer 3 one-week sessions which include a Studio News week, a week exploring and making documentaries and the final week where the students get to produce their own short film. We have an awards ceremony honoring the best videos and celebrating the great time the staff and students enjoyed. Spaces remain in the classes so be sure to check our website for more information and an application link.

Last week CAPS had the opportunity to host the Ventura Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Ventura program for an afternoon of studio production. The participants are members of the community who learn leadership skills, teamwork and help the various non-profits within the city. It is a great group of people and we were pleased that we got to share our community access center to more of our community. Getting the word out about how important media production is to non-profits, organizations and businesses is vital to us. Our members are the greatest and we want you to become a member and get the CAPS experience.

For a small annual fee of \$25, you can take advantage of what Ventura's non-profit Community Access Center has to offer you, your friends, family or organization. Join CAPS now, call us at 805-658-0500, check our site at www.capstv.org, and chat with us on Facebook at CAPSTV Ventura.

Adopt-a-Bench Program

Pier into the Future, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the historic Ventura Pier is happy to announce

the expansion of the popular Adopt-a-Bench program on the Ventura Pier. Due to the popularity of the adopt-a-bench program the organization has partnered with the City of Ventura facilities staff to add brand new benches to the Pier. Pier into the Future Board Member Don Mills led the research effort to find environmentally friendly new benches that would complement the existing benches.

Pier into the Future provides a unique opportunity for community members to "adopt" one of the new benches as a way to remember a loved one or to honor that special person or family. The cost is \$2,000 per bench and all donors receive a bronze plaque adhered to the bench for a 10-year period. The wording on the plaque can be customized to the donor's requests and the donor can help in selecting the exact location of the bench on the Pier.

To receive more information about adopting a bench please call Pier into the Future at 797-7544.

Pier into the Future was founded by a group of dedicated community leaders, in partnership with the City of Ventura, to establish an endowment fund to preserve, maintain and enhance the historic Pier for future generations to enjoy. They have contributed over \$460,000 to renovate and enhance the historic Ventura Pier. Visit www.pierintothefuture.org for more information.

Oldest comedy improv theatre looking for new talent

The Ventura Improv Company (VIC), the longest-running comedy improv theater and ensemble in the County, is holding auditions for new performers for its stage.

The VIC, now in its 24th year, is located in historic downtown Ventura. The theater is a landmark and has hosted comedy improv laughs on stage since the 1990s; the performing group has been in existence since 1989. The theater is thriving and is seeking new players to add to the fun.

"We are having a great time, and the audiences are asking for more," says Judy Gottlieb, co-director of the Ventura Improv Company. "We're putting the word out to interested people in the area; we'd love to get some new folks up on stage and performing with us."

Two auditions are open to the public: Saturday, August 4 and Saturday, August 11. Both auditions are from 11am-2pm. People with knowledge of improv or who have stage experience – with a keen interest to hone their improv skills and to be part of an ensemble – are invited to attend.

RSVP for one of the dates is required; date choice, name and contact information should be sent to judy@venturaimprov.com.

Auditions will be held at the Ventura Improv Company, 34 North Palm St. More information can be found at www.venturaimprov.com.

Bus service to continue

The Ventura County Transportation Commission has approved a contract with Camarillo-based Roadrunner for the operation of its popular VISTA intercommunity bus service until at least June 30, 2013.

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"I am very pleased to announce that Ventura County residents will enjoy the same routes and hours, same fares, and many of the same drivers that our customers have come to value across the past several years," noted VCTC Board Chair John Zaragoza.

To support the new program, VCTC has introduced both a monthly pass offering unlimited rides as well as a discount-rate 10-ride ticket. VISTA bus riders will continue to enjoy free transfers between VISTA and each of the county's other public bus services.

VCTC will continue to update its website (www.goventura.org) to reflect program developments, as well as distribute Rider Alerts onboard its vehicles. VCTC staff will be out in the field during the first week of August to ensure a smooth service transition.

Details regarding VISTA routes and schedule times are available at www.goventura.org or by calling 800-438-1112.



On July 12, the Ventura City Fire Department responded to a structure fire at the corner of Borchard and Channel Drive. First arriving units found a vehicle fire fully involved immediately adjacent to a local business. Firefighters successfully attacked the fire engulfing the vehicle, while at the same time protected adjacent exposures that included a business warehouse; several work trucks and a single-family residence.

Mailbox

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selling directly to the consumer merchandise not available thru regular store outlets. You sank or swam, with your earnings based only on initiative and hard work. There was no salary or corporate benefits. I spent my last 7 years in Bakersfield before coming to Ventura in 1958 with enough savings to purchase an income property on Front St. with an early California house and 9 small 1-bedroom cabins. I spent the next 5 years upgrading the units to a cash-flow basis, hoping for either retirement income or a profitable resale when I could no longer work.

My dreams were smashed when the city stole my property under urban redevelopment using the guise of providing oceanfront low income housing (between California and Figueroa) in the mid-60's. This never happened.

Today the Paseo de Playa condos sit on my stolen lots and units between the Crowne Plaza and the Beachfront Apartments. I am sure the city was not very happy with me when I called them "landgrabbers and robbers" on the front page of the then Star Free Press.

My whole point is: I never received any regard for my years of hard work, no restitution for my great dollar loss and complete disregard for my future retirement plans. Like the average citizen, there was no pension plan I could rely on. I could only rely on justice, and on fair and equitable treatment under the Constitution. Neither my Mexican neighbors nor I had the money to fight for our property rights in court, and the city knew this. And like Tortilla Flats, they ran roughshod over the entire area.

I firmly believe that years of service should be recognized, and that good and faithful workers be rewarded with a reasonable retirement stipend. But today's pension practices are so far out of whack when many recipients manipulate the system in order to receive ballooned payments in excess of their already outrageous wages. The Governor's pension reform does not go far enough when you consider that many of our public employees, at the city and county level, are paid more than the governor himself. This rapidly escalating drain on available funds is now driving our many cities into bankruptcy.

And the big question is: Will Ventura be next???

Helen Yunker

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Community Events

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Nosh, schmooze and make business connections within the growing community of Jewish business people, professionals, trades people and corporate executives at non-profit **JNET**. No charge to attend 2 meetings and \$65 for yearly dues.

The meetings are held at Temple Beth Torah on the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Go to www.JNetOnline.org or JNetVentura@gmail.com for further information.

Would you like to meet new friends? Do you need more than tweeting or blogging to express what's on your mind? Whatever the reason, **Ventura's Conversation Group** is the right outlet for you. This eclectic group meets Wednesdays from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Adult Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara Street. People of all ethnicities, education, incomes, personalities, and interests are welcome. No topic is off limits. There is only one rule that applies to the Conversation Group: don't lecture and don't bore or you could get the hook from moderator Sam Povar, who makes sure the discussion is lively.

July 28: The Jodi Farrell Fundraiser Show: features two shows Saturday at 7p.m. and 9p.m. with Saint Pierre, master fusion rhythm & blues guitar, MC and producer, starring Jodi Farrell and Tres Coustics, plus keyboard vocalists, Smitty West and Julija Zonic. Also featured Bethany Marie Harris, visual artist painter will feature with her original tree series art. Also appearing is Jim Heltsley, from Art City, a skilled sculpture artist, Susan Colla, master graphite artist of wildlife pieces. A live TV show and silent art auction is also in our lineup, benefitting non-profit "Music and Arts for Youth". Every concert is an art show. \$10 advance on line, \$12.50 door, \$26.95 Dinner Show place on Main at Yolie's 138 W. Main. 888-226-9668 or www.ConcertArtShow.com.

July 29: Free Family Concert in the Park. Sunday 4p.m. Barranca Vista Park 7050 Ralston, Bible Fellowship and Ventura Missionary Church Orchestras, play chamber music to modern medleys. This concert is the second in a trio of free concerts presented at the park. Patrons are encouraged to bring a blanket or low lawn chair and picnic, there is a playground for children. Call 654-7552 for

more information.

Aug. 1: The Beach Cities Neighbors and Newcomers Club, (BCNN) is a group of active women of all ages who live in Ventura, Oxnard, or Port Hueneme and enjoy activities such as hiking, bridge, dining, wine outings, reading, mah jong, cooking etc. Monthly meetings are at 9:30 a.m. at The Greek Restaurant at 1583 Spinnaker Drive. No charge for meeting and no reservations are required. Coffee or tea is available at a nominal charge of \$1.00. Guest Speaker, Kimberly Reid, MNLP, C.H.T. Subject: "Tools for Better Living I learned from Lance & Buster" For additional information, please call: 652-1138 or 659-4542

Aug. 1: Stress, health and longevity class at 702 County Square Dr., Ventura, Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 pm. The class is absolutely free to the public and walk-ins are always welcome. Learn and practice how to live a long and healthy life. The class is held at the Cabrillo Economic Development building's large conference room which can accommodate about a 100 people. For more information call Bedford Pinkard 485-9566, Eva Urias 487-2468, Mohammed Hasan 639-0307 or Ron Cameron 389-1967.

Aug. 5: An April 4, 1948 broadcast of Sherlock Holmes and 1927 to 1931 recordings of Portuguese fado music will be featured in the Dudley House historic recording series during the **Dudley House open house** on August 5. The house will be open from 1p.m. to 4p.m. The Dudley Docents will give tours of the history of the house with its Dudley family furniture. Admission to the house and the lavender garden is free. The Dudley House is located at 197 N. Ashwood.

Anyone interested in working on the docent tours of the house or the lavender garden, call Steve Cummings at 644-3286.

Aug. 6: The Ventura County Philatelic Society. Mondays from 7:30p.m. to 9p.m. at the Church of the Foothills, 6279 Foothill Road. Admission and parking are free. Stamp dealer will be present. Come for a great evening. They are a fun group. Contact: vcpsforyou@lycos.com or 320-1601

Aug. 7: Come share if you have had heart surgery or stent implant.

Group meets the first Tuesday each month at the Community Memorial Hospital on the 8th floor, Ventura, from 7p.m. to 9p.m. Excellent speakers, leading

Cardiologists, Nutritionists, Dietitians, etc. from our area. Contact: Richard Hatcher 644-2733

Aug. 18: Discover the rewards of foster parenting by attending a **Foster Parenting Informational Meeting** Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Human Services Agency of Ventura County, 855 Partridge Drive. There are over 600 children in Ventura County that need you, your wisdom, your experience and your understanding. They need a foster home where they can thrive, develop and achieve dreams that once might have seemed impossible. Become a foster parent, it's quite possibly the best thing one human can do for another. For more information, call 654-3456 or go to www.vchsa.org/foster.

Ojai events

The Provoked Wife, by John VanBrugh a bawdy restoration-era comedy about a wife caught in a less than desirable marriage presented by the Transport Theater. Shall she passively endure, or take a lover on the side? Directed by Rick Kuhlman, the cast includes Vivien Latham, Ron Feltner, Casey Solow, David Rogge, Nigel Chisolm, Linda Livingston, Brittany Danyel, and David Stewart at OYES, 316 E. Mailija (Matilija at Montgomery) in Ojai on 3 weekends. **Aug. 10-Aug. 26**, 2012, Fri/Sat at 8pm and Sun at 3pm.

Tickets are \$18 prepaid, or \$20 at the door (with \$15 "rush" tickets for students and seniors at the door only.) Opening night gala, after-party with cast \$25.

Purchase prepaid tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/257629 or 1-800-838-3006.

Plans are underway to carry out one of Ojai's most beloved traditions **October 19-20** in the downtown and in Libbey Park. The **annual street fair** will include a mix of vendors, musicians and entertainers on Ojai Avenue and performances. Few changes are planned for Ojai Day, a tradition dating back to the 1920s that each year attracts more than 150 vendors and thousands of visitors who come for everything from the street painting of the colorful Mandala to the festivities of Ojai Night. This year's event will mark a bit of a transition for Ojai Day but will continue the traditions of the past and features of past events which Ojai residents and visitors have come to expect and enjoy. City leaders are hoping that Ojai Day can one day soon become a self-sustaining operation and to that end is accepting proposals from individuals or entrepreneurs interested in organizing the event. In the meantime, plans are moving ahead for the 2012 event.

On Saturday, **July 28**, Villanova Preparatory School will host the annual **Wildcat Reunion** and longtime local resident Ed Kurtenbach will be the chef for the 40th year!

Kurtenbach's three children James, Angie and Laura, attended Villanova in the 1970s and it was because of this that he got involved in the barbecue.

The event runs from 12 to 4 pm. The meal will be served from 1-2:30 pm and also includes salad and garlic bread.

Live music will be provided by Ed Hillhouse and the Back Talkers.

Tickets are \$15 per person in advance by calling in with your credit card to Villanova's Jeanne Brown, 646-1464.

On Sun., **July 29**, 4:30 pm, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *A Dangerous Method*, a period drama that tells the story of the early days of psychoanalysis and the relationship between Carl Jung, Sigmund Freud and the unbalanced, yet beautiful, Sabina Spielrein, starring Michael Fassbender, Viggo

Mortensen and Keira Knightley.

On Sun., **Aug 4** at a special start time of 4 pm, the Ojai Film Society will screen *Marley*, a thoroughly researched documentary that tells the life story of the legendary musician from his early days to his rise to superstardom.

Ojai Playhouse, 145 E Ojai Ave. OFS Summer Fundraisers: Tickets \$10

The Ojai Valley Green Coalition invites you to fill one or more of your August afternoons with an inspirational movie during our 2012 summer film series. The Coalition will be screening four films: *Cultural Creatives 1.0*, August 4; *City Dark*, August 11; *Revenge of the Electric Car*, August 25; and *Seeds of Freedom*, September 8.

The series is once again being generously sponsored by Nutiva and the films will be shown Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. at the Ojai Playhouse Theatre, 145 E. Ojai Ave. So make a date to beat the heat and let OVGC stimulate and entertain you. Suggested donation for each film and program is \$10 at the door.

Nestled under the stars and amongst the oaks, in a peaceful valley in the hills above Lake Casitas, Dancing Oak Ranch has another great show coming up Saturday **July 28**, with **Fishtank Ensemble**, the leading gypsy music band in California.

Fishtank Ensemble will take you on a musical odyssey that will leave your head spinning and your heart soaring, tackling everything from French hot jazz to wild Serbian and Transylvanian gypsy anthems, Flamenco, and oddball originals, the band is a not to be missed event for world music lovers...and everyone will love this intoxicating mix of music!!

The gates to Dancing Oak Ranch open at 5pm, then at 6pm Bruce Goldish, the amazing guitar virtuoso fusing sweet harmonic to caffeinated percussive fingerstyle guitar and a Tom Waits voice with stories and humor, to open the show, then Fishtank starts at 7pm (remember to bring a blanket, low back deck chair and a potluck dish to share and a small flashlight to help you find your car after the show).

Tickets costs: \$18 in advance, \$20 at the gate, Kids under 15 years are free!

Dancing Oak Ranch is located on West HWY 150 at: 4585 Casitas Pass Rd.

The **Ojai Playwrights Conference (OPC)** one of the top play developmental institutions in the country, will celebrate its 15th Anniversary Season with its very best program of playwrights, readings and special performances yet! This anniversary year will feature nine events over five days including the return of playwright Terrence McNally with a brand new work! *Guirgis*. The Conference begins on Wednesday, **August 8** and the "Summer New Works Festival" will continue through August 12. Tickets are available online at www.ojaiplays.org.

A psychological thriller directed by Francisca Beach. Danny, (a charming psychopath) working as a bellboy in a resort hotel has seduced Dora, the maid at Mrs. Bramson's house. When called to account he charms Mrs. Bramson - a tight fisted hypochondriac, who employs him as a live-in handyman. The murder of the blond racy Mrs. Chalfont at the hotel is traced to him. He is shielded by Olivia, Mrs. Bramson's niece (a strange attraction grows between them) but he continues to plot the murder of Mrs. Bramson for her money. Danny and Olivia finally confront each other.

Night Must Fall opens August 3rd thru August 26th. Friday and Saturday at 8 pm. Sunday at 2 pm. Tickets \$17 (\$15). Group bookings available (the perfect outing!). Ojai Valley Grange, 381 Cruzero Street. Reservations call 646-4885 or www.fran.ciscabeach.com.



On July 15 the Canine Adoption and Rescue League (CARL) held their fundraising dog walk and pet expo the "Pooch Parade" at the San Buenaventura State Park. It featured a pooch parade, silent auction, dog contests and demonstrations and many-many breeds of dogs up for adoption. We weren't sure if Ventura County Supervisor Steve Bennett was leading the way or being chased by the dogs.



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ECONOMIC OUTLOOK BREAKFAST *A Bright Future*

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce held its annual Economic Outlook breakfast on June 21st. An audience of over 200 business and community leaders learned of several exciting projects and visions for Ventura. Guests included State officials, Supervisor Steve Bennett, and five of our current Ventura City Council members.

The theme of our Economic Outlook Breakfast, “Putting the Puzzle Pieces Together”, highlights the combined impact our ideas and innovations will have moving forward within our community. Some of the projects are currently under development; others are dreams for the future. Yet if we maintain focus and work towards a mutual vision, it will be a very bright future.

Among the presenters were: Nick Deitch, Chair of the Harbor Commission who presented information about the Master Plan for our Ventura Harbor, a center of commercial and recreational activity. Tyson Cline updated the attendees on the aspiration of one day capping the 101 to re-connect our vibrant downtown to the beach, restoring Ventura as a true beach community. Focusing on Downtown, Dave Armstrong, DVP Chair, spoke about Downtown’s renewed energy and prosperity over the the last few years. Gary Wilde, CEO of Community Memorial Health Systems, provided an update on the significant and exciting building project at our hospital, creating a new medical center and related offices and services in mid-town; There was an update on potential housing opportunities from Lynn Jacobs, former Director of the State’s Department of Housing and Community Development.

Jeff Lambert, Community Development Director for the City of Ventura and Ed Summers, President and CEO of the Chamber reported that the City and the Chamber will be working closely over the next 5 to 10 years on a new Economic Development Strategy to focus on the assets and specific economic needs of our community. We need to determine the right mix of planning and incentives to keep our city growing and thriving. The business community must be an active partner in the plan, identifying specific resources that are needed for continued success.

When you look at all of the plans and potential projects that were presented, we have the potential of \$1.5 billion in long-term capital investments into our community. Based on data supplied by the California Economic Strategy Panel (a bi-partisan Board appointed by the Governor) the capital investment results in \$3.54 billion increased economic output. If built, housing developments identified in the City’s General Plan will create approximately 15,000 new jobs.

For more information regarding the Economic Outlook event, you may stop by the Chamber Office and pick up a copy of the event program with detailed reports from each presenter or sign up for our mailing list by visiting www.venturachamber.com

I AM THE CHAMBER

The Ventura Chamber of Commerce has been something different for me at each stage of my business over the last 6 years. At first, it was a beacon of support as I navigated through the trials and tribulations of starting a new business. Shortly after it became a great resource to meet potential clients at the many networking events available to members. Now, as I’m involved in many committees of the Chamber I gain the satisfaction of helping the local business community grow and develop, which trickles down to my bottom line. But, if I had to pick one thing the Ventura Chamber of Commerce has done for me it would be fostering the amazing relationships with like-minded business professionals that have been a pillar of prosperity in my life.

- Sam Benner, Executive VP, WSI Global Marketing

“Success is Not Accidental”

Our Chamber and its members can be proud of the positive impact we have made on the economic growth and success of the community. Any task that is worthwhile requires focus and dedication which the Chamber has shown, working on behalf of the business community as an advocate for a strong local economy, a responsive government and clearing roadblocks for new businesses. Since the beginning the Chamber has been the voice of business. From the Economic Summits in 2009 and 2010 that were co-sponsored with the City, the Chamber helped to identify critical resources and resolve potential obstacles for a strong local business environment.

A good partner in creating a more prosperous community, the City has worked with the Chamber and streamlined the permitting process, making it easier for new businesses to operate in Ventura. Since the beginning of the year, 38 permits for new projects and renovation projects have gone over the counter, creating jobs and revenue for the city.

The Chamber, in conjunction with the City, has a goal to call on the Top 100 private sector employers in the City to listen and learn more about the needs of business in Ventura. This will provide important and much needed input for both the private and public sectors in the development of the City’s and the Chamber’s long range economic strategy.

At the Economic Outlook Breakfast we learned about key current and long range plans that will bring over \$1.5 billion in capital to our city and result in new jobs and economic activity. This will require continued energy and diligence to ensure that the interests of businesses are represented in moving forward and creating effective policies for the future. The Chamber will continue to represent and serve business interests in Ventura with continued focus and dedication because after all, success is not accidental.

VENTURA BUSINESS *of the Month*

The City works with the Chamber to select businesses in our community to honor and recognize at their monthly meeting for their innovation and contribution to the City in helping to build the economy. **Congratulations to the following awardees:**

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Upcoming EVENTS

- AUGUST 18/19 - Arts in the Park @ Ventura Harbor Village
- OCTOBER 25 - BiAnnual Business Expo @ Four Points Sheraton
- NOVEMBER 1 - TASTE @ The Pierpont Inn
(kick off for City of Ventura’s Restaurant Week)
- DECEMBER 13 - 16th Annual Poinsettia Awards @ Marriott Ventura Beach



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CHAMBER *Around the Town*



CLOCKWISE: Members of the Green Task Force gather for a photo op after their Best Practices Workshop Seminar at the YMCA; Several Chamber businesses & community members gather monthly to present awards for the Ventura Commerce & Education Foundation’s Teacher of the Month Program; Chamber Ambassadors greet and welcome new business - Amigo’s at new downtown location; Another packed Business Expo held at the Four Points Sheraton giving our members the opportunity to showcase their business and services to the community!

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The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



Mary McGrath

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

Mary McGrath's Legacy of Ventura began many years ago in California in the late 1860's when her great grandfather, Dominick McGrath ventured to Southern California after hearing some land might be available in what we know as the Oxnard Plain. What he saw was mustard plants higher than his waist. This to him was a sign that the ground was fertile and he might make a go of farming. He found the perfect combination—mild year round weather and deep top soil and that made his decision easy. He moved his family and began what would turn into a very large farming and cattle operation.

Over eighty years later on the Montalvo Ranch, Mary entered the picture giving her older brother a sibling. The addition of three more brothers completed the family. Parents Joe and Miriam raised their five children around horses, lima beans, sugar beets and lots of cousins. Life was pretty ideal. Each child took their turn riding around with dad on his errands to various farming locations bonding history and knowledge of farming. Cousins played a huge part in the scene and continue to be best friends.

Mary was eager for school to start. She began at St. Catherine's, then Santa Clara in Oxnard. She graduated from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington with a BA degree in Fine Arts and English as well as teaching credential. Mary eventually returned to Ventura where she taught school.

Mary's dad had a huge influence on her life. His dedication to the county was inspiring. He believed it was one's responsibility to give back to the community in philanthropic areas as well as neighbor helping neighbor. Mary began volunteering at St. John's Hospital in high school. This act triggered giving back to the community and she was fortunate to find different avenues to do this. In 2001 Mary served on the board for the Coalition to End Family Violence. During this time, she also was the Director of Volunteers in Parole, a nonprofit matching students with attorneys in Ventura County at the California Youth Authority. She enjoyed

seeing the successes of her kids benefiting from matches made within the institution that carried onto the streets after parole. This enabled kids to see a different life than the one they left behind before incarceration.

Mary also served on the Board of the Museum of Ventura County as well as the Implement Committee, and later the Agriculture Museum Campaign Cabinet for the Agriculture Museum in Ventura County. It opened last year in Santa Paula. Mary also served on the Ventura County Fair Foundation Committee until 2010.

We asked her what she likes most about Ventura?

What's not to like about Ventura? I can't ignore my farming history and that brings me to two of my favorite sites: a fall sunset on a sea of pumpkins or a richly dark brown plowed field. The colors are magnificent. With the Channel Islands to the south and mountains to the north, Ventura affords outdoor activities in most flavors. Ventura is too beautiful not to assist in some way to maintain its diversity, culture and history. I like being in a community that cares enough to take that job seriously.

Growing up it took me at least 10 minutes to "get to town". Now "town" reaches to Montalvo with barely an "ag" break, but I always believed the door to Ventura should always be open to everyone. Who wouldn't want to live here?

And how was the experience of having your portrait painted by Johanna?

It was an honor sitting in that chair as Johanna stared at me and me at her. It took a minute or two to feel at ease. People strolled in and out to observe, chat and relax. It was like a little gathering happening before my eyes. I am not used to attention like this, but after visiting as Johanna painted, I wasn't even aware of others in the room. The time flew by as I learned about her life, and she mine. She truly is an amazing artist and the finished product was another surprise too!



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The Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks

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The Breeze is proud to present "The Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks", an ongoing art project by award-winning portraitist Spinks to paint 55 worthy Venturans, **each in a single sitting**, painted directly from life at the artist's studio in around two hours – and each captured by The Breeze. **No photos are used**, the direct interaction with the sitter, hearing and painting their story, is the purpose of the challenge, along with the artist's wish to showcase the relevant world of painterly portraiture today. This feature will run until December after two years of wonderful portraits by Johanna.

On the Lyn Fairly show, "Lyn Fairly & Friends", heard every Saturday from noon to 1pm on News Talk KVTA 1520 AM you can hear one of "The Face Of Ventura By Johanna Spinks" portrait sitters interviewed. So listen in to find out what their experience sitting for this ongoing art project was like.

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Business Facebook for your business

by Andy Collins

In this day and age, Facebook has become an important part of people's daily lives.

For businesses in Ventura, this can be a good way to market their brands and improve sales.

If you're a business owner, it's hard to ignore the impact of Facebook with 850 million active users and 172 million people visiting every day.

So having a Facebook Fan Page can be very profitable. But before you can profit from it you need to know how to do it.

To do this, you can start your own Facebook page and connect with your clients. The importance of connecting with your customers is that you create a strong relationship with them. It allows you to interact with them and to address their concerns. It also adds to your credibility.

The key with being successful with a Facebook Fan Page is to update your page and be active daily. Promote your brand with newsletters, promos and even with news. Create a raving group of fans and let all your fans do the marketing work for you.

In Facebook fan studies from last year, the value of a fan ranged from \$3.60 to \$136.38 a fan. That's a big range but if it costs you nothing more than a couple of hours to set up and promoting your "like" button will make you money. That too is hard to ignore.

If you operate in the Business-To-Consumer space, Facebook can be a great way to connect with them on their turf while they are in a relaxed mode. The key to

understanding is that Facebook must be a "no hard sell" zone!

If you try to use Facebook as your own personal selling marketplace, you will get nowhere fast. Instead, Facebook should be a long-term strategy that will build your brand, your reputation and your future relationships.

Optimize your page and make sure to include a great timeline cover photo. Include a hotlink to your regular website and add as much information as possible in the info tab and don't forget to add your keywords.

Once your page is up and running, start posting.

Then put the Facebook "like" button on your website and blog

Facebook shared a lot of specific case examples showing how the incorporation of the Facebook Like icon radically improved website traffic and sales. The only broad statistic they gave was that the average media site incorporating Facebook saw a 300% increase in referral traffic. According to ecreativeim.com.

Facebook gives the following advice for increasing the number of Likes that you get, saying that the Like button gets three to five times more clicks if:

You use the version of the Facebook Like button that shows thumbnails of friends.

The Like button appears at both the top and bottom of articles.

The Like button appears near visual content like graphics, infographics, and videos.

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VCCU hires new loan officer

Ventura County Credit Union (VCCU) has hired Kathy Bochenek as their new Home Loan Officer.

Bochenek is no stranger to the area or the profession, as she has lived in Ventura County for more than 26 years while amassing an 18-year career in the financial services industry. She spent six years in actuarial services for Prudential Asset Management Co., and another six years in document compliance for IRS-qualified retirement plans for Price, Raffel and Brown Administrators, Inc.

In addition to her work at Prudential and Price, Raffel and Brown, Bochenek has worked for three years in mortgage loan origination, one year as a credit analyst in mortgage services for Country-wide Financial, and two years in retire-

ment plan administration for Actuaries Unlimited, Inc.

Local firm opens Oakland office

Local Rincon Consultants, Inc., a multi-disciplinary environmental science and planning consulting firm, has opened an office in Oakland; the company's 6th location in California. Rincon is headquartered in Ventura, and operates from locations in Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Riverside, and Carlsbad. The Oakland office will be managed by Abe Leider, AICP CEP, a Planning Manager with the firm. Mr. Leider has over 14 years of professional experience in urban planning, overseeing agency staffing, environmental review, and policy development projects.

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While at the Pooch Parade I visited the Rolling Pet Vet and checked out the x-ray table. It was cold but didn't hurt at all (maybe it wasn't on).

Senior Cone-nection

Veterinarians come directly to seniors (and others)!

by Nanci Cone

For many people in the Ventura area, it's often difficult to get around. When mobility becomes an issue it can be challenging and stressful to crate up your cat or dog and take it to the vet, especially for seniors.

Rolling Pet Vet has made providing care for senior pet owners a priority with programs specifically tailored for retirement and senior living communities. Though the practice is not limited to helping seniors – anyone can call on this service – those over 55 get a 20% discount on medical costs. Additionally Rolling Pet Vet accepts pet insurance and they will help fill out and submit the forms for you.

Founded by Christine Gardner and her husband just a few short months ago, Rolling Pet Vet is already making a difference. As Christine notes, "I dreamed about setting up a full-service mobile veterinary hospital that would provide quality vet care at your doorstep. To that end, I recruited the services of Dr. Ron Nekoukar and Dr. Julie Bosserman – two dedicated veterinarians who bring knowledge, compassion and skill to the workplace."

Services include: examinations, complete dental care: surgeries, laboratory work and tests, emergency services, pain management, hospice care, in-home euthanasia, behavior analysis, alternative medicine, nutritional counseling and supplements plus a full pharmacy.

Christine goes on to add, "We build our units to exceed the California Veterinary Medical Code and we have equipment that both speeds up the treatment process which results in less stress on the animals."

Christine says, "What makes Rolling Pet Vet really special is that we come to your location and our critical care services are available 24-7. It is our dedication to providing low-stress veterinary service to your animals so it doesn't have to be a traumatic experience for either you or them."

The Rolling Pet Vet treats all types of small animals including birds, lizards, cats and dogs as well as horses and livestock. For more information on this service, visit their website at www.rollingpetvet.com. You can also call them toll-free at (855) 838-8663.

Scamp: I have not used this vet so am not recommending her so if you use this service please let me know how it went. It seems like a very good idea.

Program your gadgets on August 3

High school student volunteers give hands-on help to adults 50 years of age and over at their popular Program Your Gadgets event at the Senior Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara St., on Friday, August 3 from 3-5 pm. High school students help our local seniors (is 50 really a senior?) learn to use their iPods, cell phones, digital cameras, GPS or other electronic gadgets that they haven't quite mastered.

Cypress Place presents Yesterday's Café

Please join Cypress Place Senior Living on Wednesday August 1st from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. for their Yesterday's Café Alzheimer's support group in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association.

Yesterday's Café is a monthly gathering for people affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, along with families, caregivers, and professionals. It is open to the public and free of charge. Cypress Place hosts the gathering at their senior living community each month.

The program is unique in having caregivers attending at the same time with those they care for who are afflicted with Alzheimer's and dementia. The meetings are both educational and informal social events. Caregivers gain emotional and social support, along with having the opportunity to meet with professionals in a social setting and obtain informal consultations. There are a variety of activities for those in attendance with Alzheimer's and dementia.

The monthly gatherings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Cypress Place Senior Living in Ventura. Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information or to RSVP, please call 650-8000.

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

To learn more about Cypress Place Senior Living of Ventura, visit their web site at www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com.

Diabetes classes

Livingston Visiting Nurse Association will hold Diabetes Classes to introduce basic information regarding diet, medication, exercise, blood sugar monitoring, new developments and common problems. Open to the public and free of charge, the classes are held the first Tuesday of the month, 1:00 – 2:30 pm at Livingston VNA, 1996 Eastman Ave, #101. No registration is necessary; for information call Linda Hampson, RN, MSN 642-0239, ext 723.

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Tuesday, August 14, 2012 6-8 pm
Aegis Senior Living, 4964 Telegraph Road, Ventura.

Tuesday, August 28, 2012 9-11am
SCAN Senior Resource Center, 1001 Partridge Drive, # 200, Ventura.

A discussion will follow featuring Lanyard K. Dial, MD, Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice Medical Director. For more information call Deborah Ringen at 642-0239 ext 708.



Youth

YMCA Fun and Fitness 5K

The Ventura Family YMCA will host their 12th Annual Fun and Fitness 5K on July 28th at the Ventura Family YMCA starting at 8:00 a.m. Event proceeds will help to fund the Ventura Family YMCA Open Doors Programs which ensures that no one is ever turned away from the YMCA due to their inability to pay.

The event includes a 5K run or walk around the city of Ventura followed by a pancake breakfast catered by the Ventura Townhouse for all who participate. Awards will be handed out to the top three places in each division along with amazing raffle prizes throughout the day! Most importantly this is a wonderful opportunity to have fun with family and friends while supporting the Ventura Family YMCA.

All pre-registered participants will receive a 5K T-shirt and the first 100 people will receive a YMCA goodie bag. Also, participants will be able to use the Ventura Family YMCA facility before and after the race.

Pre-registration is \$30 for individuals and \$65 for families and can be taken at the Ventura Family YMCA or online. Race day registrations will be \$35 for an individual and \$80 for a family. The entry fee includes a commemorative race t-shirt and a raffle ticket.

To register for the Ventura Family YMCA Fun and Fitness 5K visit www.ciyymca.org/ventura or for more information contact Rich Gross 642-2131 ext. 22 or email rich.gross@ciymca.org.

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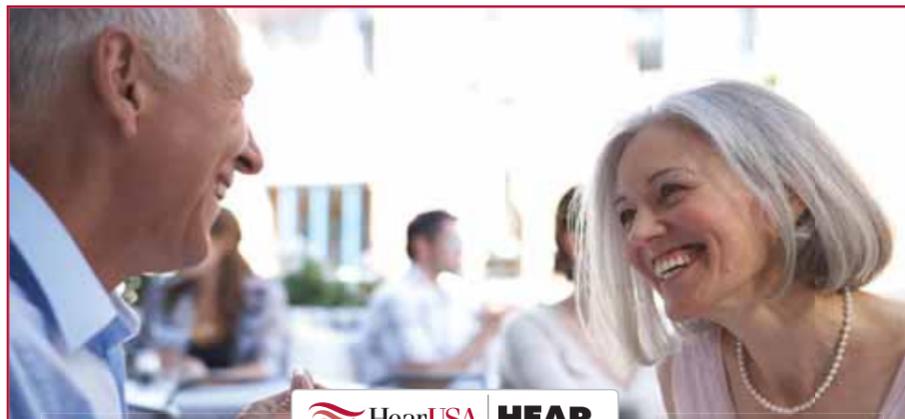
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Professor Scamp, Ph.D (Pretty Happy Dog)



On Sunday, July 29, Ventura County Animal Services (VCAS) will host its 8th annual Hugs, Slurps and Slobbers Pet Adopt-a-Thon. This yearly open-to-

the-public community event will feature music, food, vendors, a silent auction, raffles and the chance to take home a new furry best friend at discounted adoption rate (a wholesale dog).

Sponsored by Rescue Me, Inc., an organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and re-homing animal orphans, the Hugs, Slurps and Slobbers Adopt-a-Thon is a fun way for the public to tour the Ventura County animal shelter and meet the wide array of cats, dogs, bunnies and reptiles currently available for adoption.

On Saturday, July 28, the day before the adopt-a-thon, Warren Eckstein, host of the nationally syndicated radio talk show, The Pet Show, will broadcast live from the Ventura County Animal Shelter from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Eckstein, who is also director of the Hugs & Kisses Animal Fund, will preview many animals that will be available for adoption the following day.

The Hugs, Slurps and Slobbers Adopt-a-Thon will take place from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Ventura County Camarillo Animal Shelter, 600 Aviation Dr. For more information, call Ventura County Animal Services at: 1-888-223-PETS (7387) or 388-4341 or go to www.vcas.us/

Dear Scamp:

Thanks, Camila got adopted to a wonderful home because she was on Scamp's page!!!!.

U rock
Mindy Benezra
CABODOGZ

There is a 24-hour animal control service available at (800)213-6680 that is part of the Animal Poison Control Center at www.petpoisonhelpline.com.

Pet Poison Helpline is a poison control service for pet owners and veterinary professionals who require assistance with treating a potentially poisoned pet. They have the ability to help every poisoned pet, with all types of poisonings, 24 hours a day. Our knowledge and expertise of pet poisons will put your mind at ease when dealing with a potential emergency.

There is a \$39 per incident fee, payable by credit card. This fee covers the initial consultation as well as all follow-up calls associated with the management of the

case and is certainly worth it if they can save a pet's life.

And Paw's Corner (King Features) points out "If you have a pet, it's very important to know that many household items can be dangerous. For example, many cats love to chew on the leaves of houseplants-but many are extremely dangerous to cats, especially plants from the lily family. Other seemingly benign things like chocolate and onions (my favorite ice-cream Sundae) can be harmful to dogs."

The Animal Control Pet Center website has a good list of things that are poison for your pet that they may decide to eat. So if you're not sure please check it out.

On Saturday, July 28 "Send Rover on Over" will have their inaugural Dock Jumping event in their newly built pool from 10am-4pm.

Reservations are being taken for this exciting event for you to be able to familiarize your dog to the exhilarating sport of Dock Jumping. Dock jumping is a sport in which dogs run a long a ramp and attempt to attain air and distance before splashing into a pool to retrieve their favorite floating toy.

They will be teaching this sport at a class as well as offering splash in the pool time and therapy swim for your overweight (no dirty comments please, I'm big boned), arthritic, or post operative dog.

Go to You Tube and type in dock jumping for some great videos of this sport. Please note, the dogs on u tube are pros!

They will teach you how to get your dog to get wet using positive reinforcement methods of training (It would take a lot of treats to get me into the water). And bring the arm floaties!

They are located at 1255 Callens Rd., 650-3294.



Mindy Benezra was at the Pooch Parade with several of her CABODOGZ that were up for adoption (just like the one right next to my column).

Forever home wanted



Hi. My name is "PALOMA". I was rescued by CABODOGZ from the VCAS, just last week. I'm a Cocapoo mix. I am a sweet girl, approx. 7 years old, 18 pounds. I am a lover, can't get enough licks off your face. I even hug with my paws! I am social with other dogs and love to go for walks so I can sniff things. Come see me and some other friends also looking for homes at VENTURA HIGHWAY LUXURY BOARDING FOR DOGS, 4692 Ventura Avenue, or Call 805 643-3647. Be a Hero. Adopt a Dog Today!!!!

Lost Cat



Hi: I'm a lost Seal Point Siamese. I'm 10 1/2-years-old with no collar or tags (sadly). Dark brown tail/legs/face, lighter brown body with bright blue eyes. If you have seen me please call Kristina at 949-244-2692 or email her at 1littlehead@gmail.com.

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



Scamp Club

Hi: I'm Toby a 4 year old Cocker Spaniel. I like to eat (what a surprise). Sleep in the bed with the boys. I like doing tricks like unzipping bags to get to food and I can walk on walls. And I like chasing cats even though I don't know what I would do if I ever caught one (maybe Scamp knows).

Join Scamp Club

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



Good thing that this is a cartoon character or he might try to steal my job

Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

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

Assault with a Deadly Weapon

On Monday, July 9th, at 3:21 p.m., the VPD received a call of a stabbing victim in the parking lot in front of Petco in the 4300 block of East Main Street. William Pekarek walked into the business and told employees he had been stabbed. Officers found Pekarek in the parking lot suffering from a single non-life threatening stab wound to his abdomen. He was transported to VCMC for treatment of his injury.

Officers learned that Pekarek and the suspect, James Fay, had been drinking near the parking lot of the Poinsettia Plaza shopping center. Pekarek and

Fay got into a verbal argument, which escalated into Fay stabbing Pekarek in the stomach with a knife.

Officers spotted Fay sitting in front of McDonalds in the 4200 block of East Main Street.

Robbery

On Monday, July 9th, at 4:09 p.m., the VPD received a call in reference to a battery victim on the Ventura Promenade. Officers contacted the 15-year-old victim. The victim and a female friend were walking on the promenade when they were confronted by several subjects, two of whom were Jose Gonzalez and a 15-year-old male juvenile suspect. The victim recognized the subjects from school. Gonzalez walked up to the victim and took the victim's hat. The 15-year-old male juvenile suspect punched the victim in the face. Then the suspects left. The victim was not injured.

Officers located Gonzalez and the

male juvenile suspects walking on the bike path near the Ventura Fairgrounds. All three suspects were arrested. The victim's hat was returned to the victim.

Gonzalez was booked into the VC Jail. Both juvenile suspects were cited and released into the custody of their parents. The remaining juvenile was released from the scene.

Home Invasion (ready for Halloween)

On Tuesday, July 10th, at 3:07 p.m., officers responded to an address on Mission Plaza Drive regarding a disturbance with a possible shot fired. Officers found Damir DeBalkany and the suspect, Victoria Austin, on the porch struggling over a gun. Officers were able to break up the fight before anyone was shot.

Austin put on a disguise including medical scrubs, a wig, a mask, and rubber surgical gloves. She then entered DeBalkany's residence through an

unlocked front door. Once she entered, she pointed a gun at DeBalkany and demanded money from him.

DeBalkany's disabled son was nearby as well. Austin turned toward DeBalkany's son and pointed the gun at him. DeBalkany punched Austin, which caused the gun to go off and fire a round into the ceiling.

Austin was booked into VC Jail. Neither DeBalkany nor his son was injured during the attack.

Armed Robbery

On Friday, July 13th, at 8:52 p.m., Mark Jacobson was walking in the 1300 block of East Main Street when two Hispanic males confronted him. One suspect brandished a knife. The suspect with the knife demanded all of Jacobson's property. Jacobson complied and gave the suspect an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspects fled from the scene

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Professor Scamp, Ph.D

Dog to dog

by Scamp (okay, I couldn't really attend the dog show so I had some help from Karlene Lang.)

I visited the dog show at the Ventura Fairgrounds recently and made some wonderful new friends. Since I am a friendly sort of guy, I barked and sniffed my way into the hearts of dogs as big as trucks and some well, even smaller than me!! I asked some very poignant questions to my new buddies.



Scamp: Buddha, can you tell me a little about yourself?

Buddha (English Mastiff): Duh, can you repeat the question in English?



Scamp: Desert Ace In The Hold, how do you get your pony tail to stand up straight? Very cool!

Desert Ace In The Hold (Standard Poodle): Oh, thanks Scamp, my hair dresser uses a people hair spray called Salon Graphics - try it sometime.



Scamp: Savannah, bonjour - what's your favorite food - escargot maybe?

Savannah (French Bull Dog): No, but I love chicken, string cheese and my all-time favorite is garlic-flavored liver - yum! My figure is perfect, I think I'm sexy, and I was named after a Whitney Houston movie character, isn't that dumb?



Scamp: Jamison, yikes, you are one sturdy girl for 15 months!! How did you get your name? Don't tell me - your owners like a certain alcoholic beverage?

Jamison (Fawn Great Dane): You got it, but my close friends call me Malibu Barbie since I live by the beach and get a blueberry/hot oil spa treatment before every show.



Scamp: Turner, what are you best known for in the canine world?

Turner (Bearded Collie): I am the best counter surfer in the world; I love stealing a whole roasted chicken off the kitchen counter.



Scamp: Jewel, oo la la - be still my heart. Jewel, do you have a boyfriend? Does it take you long to get ready in the morning?

Jewel (Old English Sheepdog): I have several boyfriends, but like to play with my feline house buddy. I wake up beautiful in the morning.



Police Reports

Police reports

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and were last seen going east on Main Street fleeing from the area.

Vehicle Tampering

On Saturday, July 14th, at 1:43 a.m., the VPD received a call from an alert citizen who had just witnessed the theft of a Catalytic Converter from the 1400 Block of Cameron. A friend of the victim found a vehicle that matched the description in the area of Poli and Palm and notified the police.

Officers interrupted another theft of a Catalytic Converter in progress. Several suspects fled from the vehicle and the three male suspects, Habram Jaramillo, Jose Orihuela, and Luis Alberto, were captured. The unknown female was not located. Additional stolen property and Catalytic Converters were located in the suspect's vehicle.

Burglary

On Friday, July 13th, at 2:26 p.m., officers responded to a burglary in progress at Kohls, located at 4950 Telephone Road. Loss prevention advised that 3 suspects had fled out the doors with a shopping cart full of stolen jeans and shorts. Officers located the suspects in a vehicle and a short vehicle pursuit occurred. Eventually, the suspects pulled over and were taken into custody.

The suspects, Eric Rodriguez and David Torre, had been reportedly committing similar thefts at other department stores prior to this incident. The driver, Joann Montes, was additionally charged with attempting to evade arrest in a vehicle.

Armed Robbery

On Monday, July 16th, at 2:41 a.m., the VPD received a call of a possible brandishing with a knife that occurred in the area of Johnson Drive and Bristol Road. The victim, Scott Herr, was walking in the area of Johnson Drive and Norton Street when a vehicle stopped near him. Angel Perez and Carlos Vazquez exited the vehicle and demanded property from Herr. Perez pulled out a knife. Herr attempted to flee, but relinquished his property. Perez and Vazquez got into the awaiting vehicle driven by Juan Gonzalez and fled.

An officer located the vehicle in the 5800 block of Ralston Avenue. All three suspects were arrested and booked at VC Jail. Herr's property was located in the vehicle at the time it was stopped. Herr was not injured.

3:20 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. Upon arrival, the door was locked. Patrol and FD gained access. The patient needed no assistance. She believed her bird accidentally activated her MedAlert alarm.

7:10 p.m. Patrol received a request for assistance from a person that was uncomfortable sailing from the launch ramp in the current conditions. Patrol took the vessel into tow into the open waters of the Turning Basin and released the boat under its own power.

7-4 5:58 a.m. VWM Security reports that a sailing vessel was adrift at 5:00 a.m. It is currently secured on D-dock. Patrol responded, took the vessel into tow and released it at its proper slip at VWM D-dock.

10:13 a.m. A skipper reports his vessel disabled by Buoy "2". Patrol responded, took the vessel into tow, and released the vessel at VIM.

7-5 9:35 a.m. Patrol received a report of a vessel collision at VIM. Patrol responded and found that a vessel had hit a moored vessel. Patrol investigated, photographed the damage, and passed information to both parties.

7-7 10:00 a.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a medical assist at the Ventura Marina Mobile Home Park. AMR transported the patient to the hospital.

4:25 p.m. Patrol observed a disabled vessel in the main channel. Patrol towed the vessel to the launch ramp.

4:55 p.m. Patrol observed a floating peddle boat in the kelp in the Pierpont Basin. Patrol towed the craft from the kelp and ultimately back to the rental company as the boys were having difficulty.

6:18 p.m. A fishing vessel reported that they had suffered an accidental spill while transferring diesel from one tank to the other. Patrol responded and found that the skipper had deployed an absorbent boom to attempt to contain the 5-gallon spill. The boom was working fairly well, but the wind was blowing some product toward the fuel dock. Patrol notified the National Response Center of the spill. No other action was taken.

7-8 12:55 p.m. Patrol observed a vessel moored at the launch ramp for an extended period of time and issued the operator a citation for that violation.

6:05 p.m. Patrol observed an electric vessel that had become disabled near the Launch Ramp. Patrol took the vessel into tow and released it at its dock in the Keys.

7-13 12:30 p.m. Patrol monitored a May Day call of a vessel sinking off Ventura Harbor. Patrol responded and found the vessel ¼ mile north of the Harbor, sitting level. The situation stabilized because the operator turned off the engines. Patrol took the vessel into tow and released it at the launch ramp.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

7-2 2:30 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and other units to a possible broken ankle. Upon arrival, State Lifeguards had splinted the ankle and the patient had arranged for private transportation. Patrol assisted the patient to the parking lot.

Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Show Time

Where The Music Flows

In my beautiful balloon...

by Michael Kohli

KRE PROMOTIONS

<http://www.krepromotions.blogspot.com>

VenturaLiveWire@gmail.com

youtube.com/kohlirockstv

Currently Listening to: "Fear City Slide" by Queensryche

The 5th Annual Citrus Classic Balloon Festival will add a stage of local talent to their event on Saturday, July 28. Bands include Army Of Freshmen, Jeff Hershey And The Heartbeats, Shoemaker Brothers, Kyle Hunt and The King Gypsy, Durango 95, Zachary James and The All Seeing Eyes. Event will be \$10 at gate, and is located at 18249 East Telegraph Road in Santa Paula. In addition, the Saturday night show will close out with a big band (featuring members of Army Of Freshmen and many other music scene friends and alumni people doing fun cover songs.) For more information go to CitrusClassicBalloons.com.

Ventura County Fair season is about to get started. The concert festivities of the fair will kick off with Bret Michaels on Friday, August 3. While on road with his other band, Poison (who will play at the Santa Barbara Bowl in September with Def Leppard) he will bring us his current solo tour *Get Your Rock On 2012*. His upcoming solo album will feature duets and collaborations with Loretta Lynn, Jimmy Buffett, Joe Perry, Ace Frehley, Lil Jon, Michael Anthony and more. Other upcoming acts at this year's Ventura County Fair include: Joan Jett and The Blackhearts, Lupillo Rivera, Banda Machos and Grupo Pesado, Creed, Frankie Avalon, Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, Cobra Starship, Martina McBride, and a double header night featuring Boyz II Men and En Vogue. All concerts are free with general admission. More information at www.venturacountyfair.org.

Zoey's Cafe recently brought back their highly anticipated Ones to Watch Singer/Songwriter's Showcase.

In pop music this month: music fans got new music videos from both Madonna and No Doubt on the same day. Madonna's third video from her MDNA album titled, *Turn Up The Radio*, was filmed in Rome (while on tour). The new No Doubt video reunites the band in which they greet each other with hugs (since it's their first music video together since 2002). You can feel the excitement in their music family and the bond of working together again. *Settle Down* is the name of the new single and video. The new album is titled, *Push & Shove* and will be in stores in September.

The Entertainment Report

Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, These are my picks of the week



Moonrise Kingdom

Set in 1965 on the idyllic island of New Penzance, New England, this sweet natured comedy; cerebral, quirky, romantic, and imaginative, stars two young unknown actors Kara Hayward and Jared Gilman, play Sam and Suzy

who run away together. The Townspeople go on a massive hunt for them. When a storm ensues, it causes even more of an upheaval.

It begins with Sam, an orphan, and troubled Khaki Scout who runs away from Camp Ivanhoe run by Camp Scout Master Ward. An outcast, Sam has been mistreated and misunderstood by his family and peers, but like any male teen all he wants is for people to allow him to be unique.

Suzy lives on the island with her parents who are attorneys (Bill Murray and Frances McDormand) with three younger brothers. Sam and Suzy met the previous summer at a church event and remained pen pals over the months. They plotted to keep their relationship a secret and reunite the following summer to run away together. They spend several days together camping in the wilderness with one goal in mind – to reach a secluded cove on the island they name Moonrise Kingdom.

They play joyfully on the beach as their young romance blossoms, but all is thwarted—at least for a minute as they are caught by police and their parents. The only clincher is, Sam doesn't have any parents; his foster father doesn't even want him. Sam stays with Police Captain Sharp (Bruce Willis).

Suzy is forbidden to see Sam, and with Sam having no place to call home, the scouts decide to help Sam and Suzy reunite to be with each other.

All in all the film moved rather slowly, it showed artful cinematography and the quirky well known cast members Bruce Willis, Ed Norton and Bill Murray anchored the film, offering up a side dish of subtle humor every so often.

What you fall in love with are the teens, and their quest to be left alone and allowed to love each other, but like everyone knows, once the families get wind of this young love, they go to great lengths to quell their opportunities for any chance of togetherness.

Rated PG-13 Running time 94 minutes



To Rome With Love

One of the funniest farcical films I've seen in a long time, so off the wall, it makes you laugh deep in your gut. I don't laugh at just anything. I wasn't alone; the whole theatre was in uproarious laughter.

Woody Allen writes and directs yet another brilliant masterpiece, with romance, adventures and predicaments. A quirky cast including Jesse Eisenberg, Alec Baldwin, Ellen Page, Robert Benigni, and Penelope Cruz, as well as a brilliant supporting cast.

In several vignettes, a collection of four unrelated short stories that interlock together in a weird way, the standout piece and most hilarious is where Leopold, (Roberto Benigni) plays a simple clerk mistaken for a film star and becomes a famous celebrity overnight. I almost split a gut I laughed so hard.

Another story features Jerry, (Woody Allen) a neurotic retired opera director who discovers his soon-to-be, son-in-law's father has an operatic voice, but he is only able to sing well acoustically in the shower. Next is Jack (Jesse Eisenberg) who plays an architect who falls in love with visiting neurotic actress Monica, (Ellen Page) a friend of his live-in girlfriend Sally's (Greta Gerwig). Despite warnings from Sally, this could happen, Jack is close to leaving his girlfriend for

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The Warrior

Reviewed by Lorenzo DeStefano

Ventura Film Society

Set in feudal India, in the desert regions of Rajasthan, *The Warrior* (Tuesday, Aug. 7 @ 7:15pm) stars the great Indian actor Irfan Kahn as Lafcadio, a longtime enforcer to a cruel and sadistic local warlord. When Lafcadio renounces his role as predator, it is he who becomes the prey. Lafcadio and his young son are murderously pursued by the warlord's henchmen, to whom this betrayal is unforgivable. Indian/English director Asif Kapadia (BAFTA Award) – Best British Film of 2001) takes us on a breathtaking

journey for survival into the Himalayan Mountains, where Lafcadio hopes to save his life and his soul. In the tradition of great historical epics like *Lawrence of Arabia*, *The Warrior* ventures into a world where traditional values are upended by tribal imperatives, but where the search for redemption, fraught with perils, is ultimately rewarded.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to screen *The Warrior* as the 13th of 21 feature films screening @ 7:15pm on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays through December 4, 2012 at 420 E. Santa Clara Street (@ Oak Street) in Downtown Ventura. Screening, Membership & Advance Ticket Information – www.venturafilm.com / 628-2299 / venturafilmsocty@gmail.com.

Monica, but Monica turns the tables on Jack when she lands a role in a movie. John (Alec Baldwin) Woody's alter-ego, whips out side line cuts and jabs and subliminal digs – hysterical.

The photography in Rome is delicious and magical. The wit, charisma, and versatility of the cast mirrors Woody Allen's intrinsic nature and quality of delivering fun. I wouldn't expect anything less. Let us not compare his films to each other. Especially the most recent Oscar winner, "Midnight in Paris", not even close, a totally different concept and genre.

I don't care what the critics are saying about this film, I would see it again and again. If you really want a good laugh and a fun time, go see *To Rome With Love*.

Rated R Running time 112 minutes

Two on the Aisle

Romeo and Juliet given fresh treatment

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

A rite of summer for many is the opportunity to attend an outdoor production of a Shakespearean play. One of the finest examples is the Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival's current production of *Romeo and Juliet*, which continues each weekend through August 5 under the stars in a grassy glen on the Cal Lutheran University campus in Thousand Oaks.

Now in its 16th year and nationally renowned, the Kingsmen Shakespeare Festival is put on by the professional theatre company of Cal Lutheran U. Accordingly, professional actors fill the principal roles, supported by an equally talented cadre of theatre arts grads and undergrads drawn from across the country. The result is a summer of shows that are uncompromising in quality.

A romantic tragedy, *Romeo and Juliet* is perhaps one of Shakespeare's most famous works. In the tale the principal characters belong to rival Italian families that are locked in a long-standing blood feud. In spite of this fact Romeo and Juliet fall in love. But the unbridled hatred between their clans leads to a situation where Romeo strikes a blow in self defense and kills a relative of Juliet. Ultimately the lovers commit suicide and the loss caused by their demise leads to an end of the feud.

Rather than taking place in Italy, the Kingsmen production sets the action in Spain during the 1490s, specifically in the city of Granada. At that time Granada was home to two opposing religions – Christians and Muslims. And so, in

addition to the conflicts built into the script, in the Kingsmen's version Juliet's family, the Capulets, are Christians, and Romeo's family, the Montagues, are Muslims. The cast and staff consulted extensively with Christian and Muslim groups to insure the interpretations presented are thoughtful and sensitive.

Although set in Spain, the story and dialogue otherwise remain faithful to Shakespeare's original script.

Director Brett Elliott, remembered by many for his performances in lead roles in prior Festival offerings, brings a vision to the production that is at once mature, thorough and fresh. A simultaneous, point and counterpoint staging of separate scenes where Juliet seeks counsel from her nurse, and Romeo solicits wisdom from his uncle, propel the action, excitement and urgency of the piece. The fight and swordplay scenes, also directed and coordinated by Elliott, are some of the most complicated and authentic seen in recent memory.

In the tradition of Rick Rhodes, the late, Emmy award-winning composer and an early driving force in the Kingsmen Festival, current Festival composer Christopher Hoag has penned an original musical score for the show that subtly and superbly underscores, advances and heightens the action.

Admission is free for those under 18. Otherwise individual tickets are \$20. Box seats, for up to six adults, are slightly higher. Tickets available at the door. For more information or lawn box reservations, call 805-493-3014 or visit kingsmenshakespeare.org. Cal Lutheran University, 160 W. Olsen Rd., Thousand Oaks. Be sure to take a coat since, even during the summer, Kingsmen Park cools off at night.

Music Calendar 7/25 to 8/7

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

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

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

Wed 7/25 - Brian Nicolett

Thur 7/26 - Forbidden Fruit

Fri 7/27 - Soul Machine

Sat 7/28 - Preachers Blues Band

Sun 7/29 - Preston Smith

Andre's Wine & Tapas Bar

1575 Spinnaker Dr., 805-642-9463

Acoustic Tuesday with Bill McPherson & Friends every Tues 7-10pm

Jazz Jam every Wed

Blackbeards Seaside BBQ

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

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Lighter Breeze

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Hi and Lois



The Brilliant Mind of Edison Lee



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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King Crossword

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- 12 Erstwhile Peruvian
- 13 Meadow
- 14 Carpet style
- 15 Entrance
- 16 Tuna variety
- 18 Baseball game division
- 20 Not on the road
- 21 School district CEO
- 23 Common Mkt.
- 24 Type of tree
- 28 Sharpen
- 31 "That feels so good!"
- 32 Distend
- 34 Raw rock
- 35 Restaurant employee
- 37 Hamlet's castle
- 39 Morning light
- 41 Promgoers' car
- 42 T-shirt fabric
- 45 Situated below
- 49 One who'll eat anything
- 51 Tittle
- 52 Manhandle

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- 8 Shun
- 9 "Chattan-ooga —"
- 10 Damage
- 11 Curved molding
- 17 Dined on
- 19 Unfeeling
- 22 Billy Goats Gruff foe
- 24 Pouch
- 25 Cry of derision
- 26 Old joke
- 27 Simplicity
- 29 Blunder
- 30 Golf-ball prop
- 33 Clock information
- 36 Vain
- 38 See
- 40 Election mo.
- 42 Prolonged sleep
- 43 Muscat's land
- 44 Sniffer
- 46 Owl's call
- 47 Sicilian volcano
- 48 Shafts of light
- 50 Edge

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- 1 Calf-length
- 2 Unsigned (Abbr.)
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- 4 Actress Tomei
- 5 Standard bearer?
- 6 Slithery

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A turn in a relationship upsets the amorous Arian, who is puzzled by Cupid's romantic antics. Be patient and considerate. The confusion soon will sort itself out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) It's a good time for travel-loving Taureans to take off for fun-filled jaunts to new places. And don't be surprised if Cupid tags along for what could be a very eventful trip.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You appear to be of two minds about continuing a relationship that seems to be riding roughshod over your emotions. A frank talk could help you decide one way or the other.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping back from a relationship problem provides a new perspective on how to deal with it. Meanwhile, watch your words. Something said in anger now could backfire later.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A changing situation makes the Big Cat uneasy. But hold on until things settle down around the 4th. Meanwhile, continue your good work on that still-unfinished project.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A decided improvement in a workplace situation results in an unexpected, but very welcome, added benefit for everyone. Personal relationships

also improve. **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Money matters remain a bit unsettled but soon will ease into the kind of stability you appreciate. Meanwhile, an expanding social life offers a chance to make new friends.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Use an unexpected roadblock in your monetary dealings to reassess your financial plans and make changes, if necessary. It soon will be smooth sailing again.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Aspects of love are strong for both single and paired Sagittarians. Professional dealings also thrive under the Sag's clever handling of difficult situations.

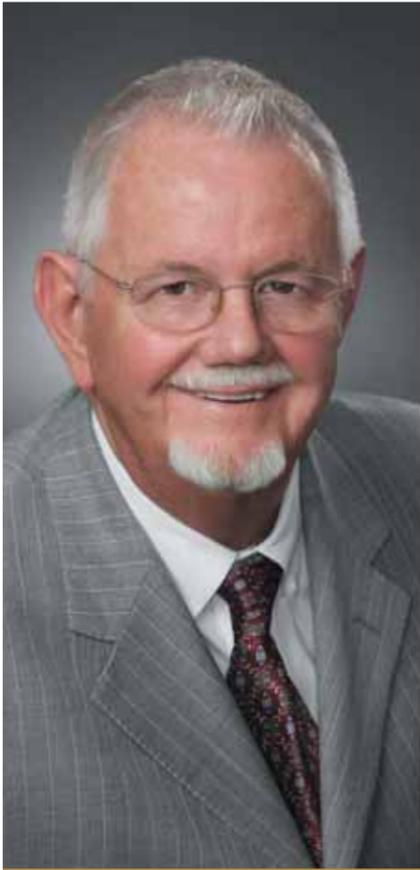
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Set a realistic goal and follow it through to completion. Remember: You're more likely to impress the right people with one well-done job than with lots of jobs left undone.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You like to plan ahead. That's fine. But be prepared to make some changes because of an unsettled period that influences your aspects through the 4th.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A brief phase of instability affects your usual work cycle. Use the time to catch up on chores around the house or office. Things settle down soon after the 4th.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love being the center of attention and probably would be a big success in show business.

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Music calendar

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Thing" every Mon 6-9pm
Blue Grass Jam featuring: The Bottom Feeders every Thur 6-9pm
Live Bands every Fri, Sat & Sun
Wed 7/25 - Ojives 6-10pm
Fri 7/27 - Brian Faith Band 7-11pm
Sat 7/28 - Loose Canons 6-10pm
Sun 7/29 - Blue Stew 2-6pm
Wed 8/1 - Two Thirds 6-10pm

Fri 8/3 - Ray Jay Band 7-11pm
Sat 8/4 - Barstool Pigeons 6-10pm
Sun 8/5 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Bombay Bar & Grill
143 S. California St., 805-643-4404
All Star Blues Hosted by Tommy Marsh every Wed
Local Live Music every Thur, Fri & Sat
Afternoon Concerts every Sun 4pm
Thur 7/26 - RAW Show

Music Calendar

Fri 7/27 - Loose Root, Passengers, J. Alfred Prurock
Sat 7/28 - We Funk
Sun 7/29 - House Arrest 4pm, Electro Shock 9pm

GiGi's Cocktail Lounge
2493 Grand Ave., 805-642-2411
Karaoke with Steve Luke every Sun & Wed 7pm-12am
Live Bands every Fri & Sat 9pm

It's All Good Bar & Grill
533 E. Main St., 805-641-9951
Open Mike Night every Wed

Majestic Theater
26 S. Chestnut St., 805-653-0721
Wed 7/25 - Scream It Like You Mean It Tour: Attack Attack!, We Came As Romans, Woe Is Me, Abandon All Ships, Like Moths to Flames, Close to Home, Secret, Glasscloud, At the Skylines 4:30
Fri 7/27 - Indie West Fest: Gardens & Villa, Pangea, Gypsy Death Star, Messenger, The Ettes 8pm
Sat 7/28 - Indie West Fest: The Smithereens, Durango 95, Whiskey Glass Eye, The Muffs 8pm

Squashed Grapes
2351 E. Main St., 805-643-7300
Vocal Jazz Night every Tue 6:30-10pm
House Jazz Band every Fri 6:30-10pm

The Tavern
211 Santa Clara St., 805-643-3264
Live Bands every Tue thru Sat
"Honky Tonk Tuesdays" Country Night, Live Country Band every Tue 8pm
"Blues Jam Band" Blues Night every Wed 8pm

Tutti's Off Main
34 N. Palm Ave., 805-643-0880
Every Fri - Chris Wooley (guitar) 6:30-9:30pm
Every Sat - Steve Williams (guitar) 12-3pm, 6:30-9:30pm
Every Sun - Frank Barajas (guitar) 12-3pm

Watermark On Main
598 E. Main St., 805-643-6800
Intimate Acoustic with Dano

every Tuesday
Jazz at the Mark every Wed

W2O Rooftop Lounge
598 E. Main St. (above Watermark)
805-643-6800

Live Bands every Thur thru Sun
Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm
Thur 7/26 - Shawn Acoustic
Fri 7/27 - TBA
Sat 7/28 - Mini Driver
Sun 7/29 - Instone
Thur 8/2 - Shawn Acoustic
Fri 8/3 - Floyd & the Flyboys
Sat 8/4 - Bomb
Sun 8/5 - Live Bait

Yolies/Hi Hat Entertainment
138 W. Main St., 805-816-9663
Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri 8pm
Fri 7/27 - The Outta Sites (60's Garage Rock)
Fri 8/3 - Doug Macleod (Master of Original Acoustic Blues)

Zoey's Café
185 E. Santa Clara St., 805-652-1137

Blue Grass Jam every Tue 6pm
Songwriter's Round every Wed 8pm
Live Musicians & Bands every Wed thru Sat 8pm
Wed 7/25 - Emily Elbert & Eddie Moffett 8pm
Thur 7/26 - Rolling Stones Tribute: Paul Starling Band & Bearkat 8pm
Wed 8/1 - Davey Miller Presents A Night of Jazz 7pm
Thur 8/2 - Naia Kete & Band (Soul, Pop, Reggae) 8pm
Fri 8/3 - Dave Palmer & Friends Variety Show 8pm
Sun 8/5 - Salty Suites with Chelsea Williams & Scott Gates CD Release 7:30pm
Wed 8/8 - Davey Miller Presents A Night of Jazz 7pm
Thur 8/9 - Naia Kete & Band (Soul, Pop, Reggae) 8pm
Fri 8/10 - Timmy Curran Acoustic Performance, Toni Ferrari 8pm
Sat 8/11 - Jesca Hoop & Jesse Harris 8pm
Tue 8/15 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm

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Art Scene



Jim Fitzgerald brings us something so old that it is new again.

Jim Fitzgerald does carbon transfer printing

by Annie-Gabriel, Cht.

Just when you thought you've seen it all in Ventura's Art City Scene, an artist pops up with something new. Only in this case, Jim Fitzgerald, has managed to bring us something so old...that it is new again!

The minute you see one of Fitzgerald's 3-D black and white carbon-transfer "photos", you know you are in the presence of something magical. He not only has perfected the process invented in the 1860's, but, he also makes his own large frame wooden cameras and teaches one-on-one weekend workshops to other would-be devotees. He's one of only about 200 artists in the world using this technique.

Carbon transfer printing, the first permanent photographic process, was perfected by Joseph Swain in 1864. In spite of numerous photographic processes invented between the 1860's and now, carbon transfer prints are still considered to be the most beautiful as well as the archival form of photography. It is the only process that allows the printer to create a unique image that truly has a three-dimensional look, which is the result of having a very noticeable "relief". Carbon transfer has many variables, such as pigment types, papers, sensitizers, temperature, humidity, cycles of the moon, etc. Without giving away all of his trade secrets, part of the process uses regular "Jello" or gelatin.

Fitzgerald noted, "You need to have plenty of time and a desire to make the most unique images and complete your vision, regardless of the effort required." This art form is not for the faint of heart. "You must keep good notes! This is a key to my success as a carbon printer. You must start with consistent methods and not try to change more than one thing at a time to achieve consistent results."

His first workshop in the 1970s literally changed his life! He now uses 100% of his living space for his unique craft. And the students who come to learn this lost art, who range from 20-90, are made to feel like his space is their space for their personal weekend

class. His passion is hard to contain, and one of his greatest pleasures, besides making his fantastic prints his way and inspiring others to do the same, is that 'light-bulb-moment' when the student gets it! What a way to spend one's art-life.

The proof is in the printing, and Fitzgerald's carbon transfer prints will be featured at the Buenaventura Gallery in downtown Ventura. "Symphonies of Light" will be on display until Aug. 11. For more info: www.carbonartphotography.com.

Wine Tasting-Painting Parties have come to Ventura!

Join the girls at Red Brick Gallery for a new and unique social event with an artistic twist. Wine Tasting-Painting Party will be held the first Friday of every month from 6-8:30pm. You'll enjoy "uncorking" your creative spirits as the pleasurable combinations of wine, painting and fun come together to create an incredible evening you will want to repeat over and over again.

Come alone or invite your friends. Wine, paint, canvas, aprons and brushes all provided all for only \$35.

This entertaining night out provides an upbeat, casual yet creative atmosphere where Red Brick Gallery's experienced and enthusiastic resident artists will guide you step by step through the process of recreating the party's featured painting.

Wine Catered by Labyrinth Wine Cellars - Soon to be Downtown Ventura's Newest Boutique Micro-Winery, focusing on bringing the best wines of California's Central Coast to Ventura. Their opening is scheduled for Fall 2012. Be the first to sample their wines!

This party isn't about creating the perfect piece of art nor is it a serious art lesson, it is about exploring your imagination and having a fun-filled evening as you enjoy fine wine and get a peek into your inner creative artist.

The first Wine Tasting-Painting Party is Friday, August 3 from 6-8:30pm. Call 643-6400 or check their web-site www.RedBrickArt.com for more information. Red Brick Gallery is located at 315 E. Main St. in downtown Ventura.

2012 Mayor's Arts Awards nominations are sought

The City of Ventura and Mayor Mike Tracy welcome nominations for the eighth annual Mayor's Arts Awards, which recognizes the artistic achievements and contributions to the cultural community by city residents, artists, educators, organizations and business leaders. Nomination forms are available online, www.cityofventura.net or by calling Eric Wallner at 677-3911.

Nominations will be accepted until Friday, September 7th in six

Art, a la Carte



Kelp Dance, acrylic, by Diana Caskey can be enjoyed at the Buenaventura Gallery beginning Aug. 14, in a show that she is calling "The Sea and Everything in It."

Diana Caskey didn't have to look far for a theme for her solo exhibition next month, but she chose an ambitious one.

"I hope that my show will evoke some of the wonder and majesty that I see in the ocean and the God who created it," said Caskey, who will be at the downtown Ventura gallery from 4-8 p.m. Aug. 18 for an opening reception.

The works in this show featuring "everything related to the ocean" will be mainly acrylics and mixed media on canvas. Caskey employs a naturalistic palette to create well-thought-out compositions that colorfully convey her love of the sea. Examples of her work can be seen at <http://dianagcaskey.zenfolio.com>.

The Buenaventura Gallery is at 700 E. Santa Clara St. and its hours are noon-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, visit the nonprofit Buenaventura Art Association's website at www.buenaventuragallery.org.

categories:

- Arts Patron
- Artist in the Community
- Creative Entrepreneur
- Arts Leader
- Arts Educator
- Emerging Artist

A panel of community members including representatives from the arts and business worlds, will review applications based on: the significance and magnitude of the nominee's contributions; leadership in the arts community and commitment to service to the arts over a significant period of time; benefit and impact of the nominee's contribution to the citizens of the City of Ventura; and potential contribution to the arts in the emerging artist category.

Further goals of the program include cultivating greater visibility and understanding of the value of the arts, as well as building new leadership and developing new patrons for the arts.

For more information, contact Eric Wallner at 805.677.3911 or ewallner@cityofventura.net.

Chalk art event to raise funds for kids' arts

The fourth Annual "Arts in the Park" hosted by the Ventura Chamber of Commerce will be held on August 18th from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and August 19th

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Ventura Harbor. The outdoor event will feature fine arts and crafts, street chalk art, and music throughout both days (and the Ventura Breeze booth).

Newbury Park artist, Ora Tamir, has been selected as the Feature Artist of "Arts in the Park" this year. Tamir has been painting since childhood and regularly exhibits her work at festivals in California, Arizona and Nevada.

Once again "Chalk for Charity" will be part of the festivities. This street chalk art event will raise funds for local Ventura non-profit, Kids' Art, which offers creative arts programs for children every Saturday morning at no charge. A limited number of chalk art squares are available for sponsorship by companies or individuals and will feature the sponsor's name. Sponsorships can be purchased through the Ventura Chamber for \$125 for Chamber members or \$150 for non-members.

Several experienced street chalk artists from throughout Southern California will be participating in the event including Lysa Ashley, an artist and teacher from the Inland Empire, who returns this year after participating in the "Chalk for Charity" debut last year. She has been a street painter for more than sixteen years, participating in festivals, fundraisers, and corporate events both nationally and internationally.

Admission to the event is free. For questions or sponsorship information, please call the Ventura Chamber of Commerce at 643-7222.

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