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Face Of Ventura Gala - August 26



The 2012 Ventura County Fair provided exciting and affordable entertainment for all. Fairgoers sampled food and wine pairings, celebrated their long relationships at the marriage ceremony and great food and thrills. They took a 13-story plunge on the bungee jump, competed in the Junior Fair Board's pie eating contest, and watched outstanding grandstand concerts by top-name artists. See the article on page 4. Photos by Karlene Lang, Jon Osumi, John Ferritto and others.

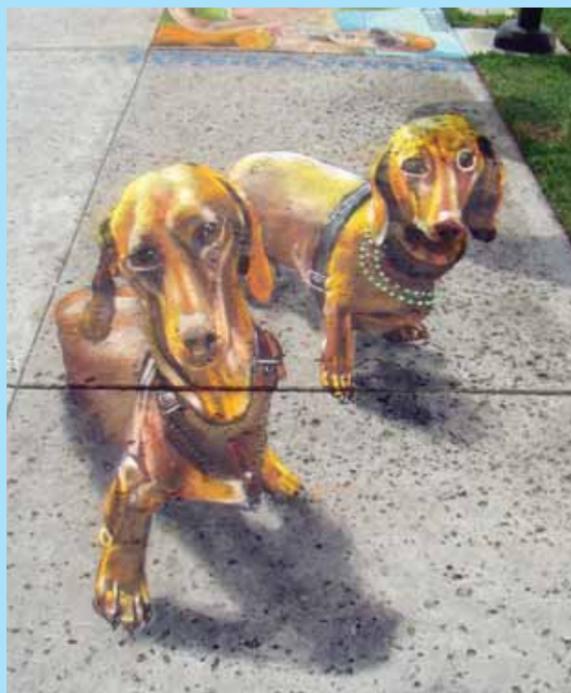
Tickets on sale for *Pier Under the Stars*

Tickets are now on sale for Pier Under the Stars—the 19th annual benefit for the historic Ventura Pier on Saturday, October 6th, from 5-8pm. Each year more than 800 residents and visitors attend this beachfront culinary fair adjacent to the pier to sample the county's best food and spirits provided by over 50 area businesses.

Restaurants, cafes, wineries and breweries serve their signature dishes and beverages from tented booths along the seaside Promenade while guests will enjoy live music and dancing by The MiniDriver Band and bid on silent auction items—all to benefit the city's 139-year-old pier.

General admission tickets are \$55.00
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While attending the Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks show on August 26, you can always catch up with the Breeze at venturabreeze.com



Last weekend, the Ventura Chamber of Commerce hosted its third annual Arts in the Park festival at the Ventura Harbor. Chalk Art for Charity, a part of the festivities for the second year, is a chalk art event that raises money for a local non-profit. This year Kids' Arts Ventura was the recipient of funds raised from the sponsorship of chalk art squares.

The event committee recognized two of the eighteen chalk artists for their efforts. Chalk artist Julio Jimenez, of Los Angeles created a three dimensional image of two dogs that was recognized with the "Best of Show" award. The underwater scene rendered by Ventura artist Dawn Reily was selected as the artwork with the "Best Use of Color".



Foot by Foot Campaign off and running

The Ventura Botanical Gardens' Foot by Foot trail-building campaign is in full swing and receiving donations from as far away as Massachusetts. Donations for construction of the Demonstration
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This issue's Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks is on page 10.



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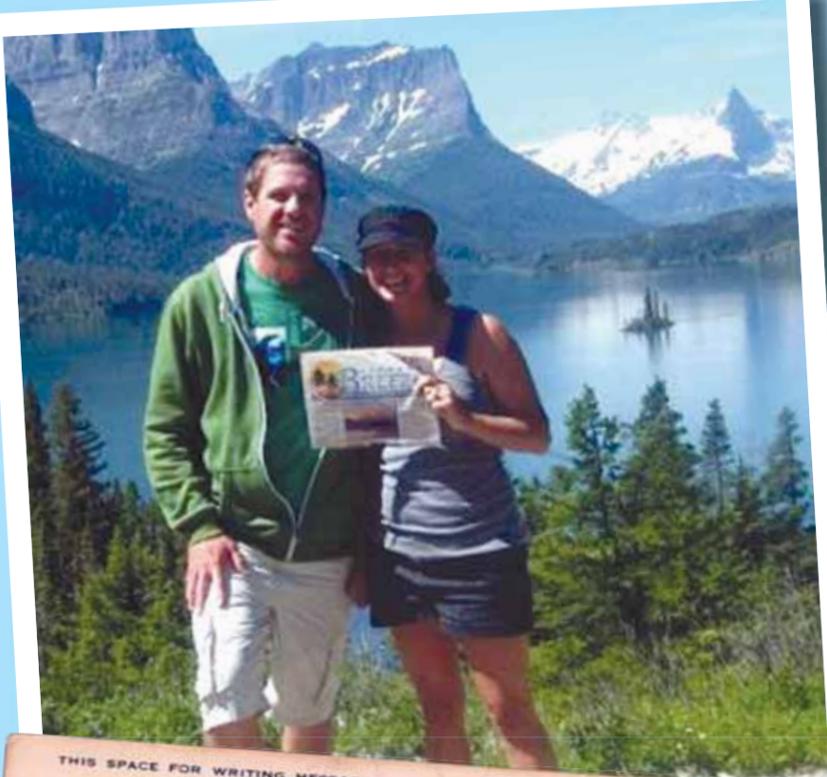
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Saturdays, August 25th
Dine, Dance and Delight at the historic Olivas Adobe in Ventura during Music under the Stars

Sunday, August 26th
Enjoy the Chiefs along the Channel Car Show at the Ventura Harbor Village Main Lawn

Monday, August 27th
Learn more about The Cub Scouts at their Back to School Recruiting Event at Poinsettia Elementary

Monday, August 27th through Friday, August 31st
MAC is coming to Sea Air Park in Oxnard - Participate in Activities, Arts & Crafts, Various Sports, Board Games & Much More!

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Music Under the Stars
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Shari Puerto Band
August 25 Blues/Rock
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Susie Hansen Latin Band
September 1 Latin Jazz & Salsa
Presented by Montecito Bank & Trust

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Olivas Adobe, 4200 Olivas Park Drive, Ventura Reserve tickets \$20 and tables \$10 at 805-658-4726 Concerts 7:30 to 9:30 pm – Doors open 6:30 pm – Bring your own picnic or call 805-650-7559 by Friday noon for a \$15 hot buffet dinner from BuenaVentura Catering

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City of Ventura begins Cemetery Memorial Park Improvement Project

With the Ventura City Council approval of the Cemetery Memorial Park Improvement Project in June, landscaping improvements have begun and will include the removal of all overgrown Junipers and trimming of other dense trees along Main Street and a portion of Aliso Lane. Low maintenance landscaping will be re-planted at the sign locations to enhance the park entrances.

For safety reasons, park visitors are asked to avoid the landscaping and maintenance work area, which is expected to

last until November. Tree removal and landscaping work will be conducted by city contractors and supervised by an arborist.

Joe McDermott, Principal Civil Engineer for the City of Ventura, says “We are following landscaping removal and maintenance recommendations presented in the research by the Consulting Arborist in August 2011. It was determined that the Juniper trees have outgrown their planter space – their trunks and root growth are causing damage to the river-rock wall.”

Upcoming improvement project efforts will also include: installation of new park signage located in the planter at the double staircase (Main Street) and at the corner of Main Street at Aliso Lane adjacent to the stairs; installation of a memorial located at the flagpole with a granite pathway and wall etched with the names of veterans interred.

City of Ventura Classes

Call 658-4726 or 654-7552 to register, if you already have an account online, visit www.cityofventura.net

Keep It Active classes with the City of Ventura and their community partners:

City News

Zumba Toning at House of Dance

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Wednesdays 6-7 pm \$68

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Zumba “Gold”

16 years-Adult 8/30-10/4
Thursday 4:00-5:00 pm \$50

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Evening Body Hoops At BVC

14 years-Adult 9/4-9/25
Tuesday 5:30-6:30 pm \$48

Join us outside in the park as we use weighted hoops for fun and fitness. Bring a towel and water. Classes held at Barranca Vista Center.

Hoop Habit Hoop Dance-Level 1

16 years-Adult 9/5-9/19
Wednesday 7:00-8:00 pm \$33

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Dance & Date Night at House of Dance

18 years-Adult 9/9-10/21
Sunday 7:00-8:00 pm

\$78 per couple

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Free Family Concert in the Park

Sunday, August 26, 4pm Barranca Vista Park. Pier 101 Band. A mix of memorable Motown, R & B ballads and rock standards. Bring low lawn chair and picnic, playground for children. Call 805-654-7552 for more information.

Another successful Ventura County Fair

The Ventura County Fair began in 1875, and continues due to the success of the event. The 137th Ventura County Fair 2012 “Rides, Ribbons, & Rodeos” was no exception- the tradition was continued with a successful fair.

In our poor economy attendance held strong at 306, 374, within 6.26% of last year’s attendance. The Ventura County Fair credits the numerous Special Admission Days including Dollar Day, Youth Day, Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Day, and Military Appreciation Day. Free concerts and free shuttle buses to the Fair’s front gate were also credited for the positive fair attendance and experience.

The 2012 Ventura County Fair ran from August 1st through August 12th.

The Ventura County Fair Parade marched down Ventura’s Main St. for a crowd of thousands of parade-goers and participants who came out

to enjoy the fresh air and fun. The parade, produced by Ventura Elks Lodge #1430, was a celebration announcing the 2012 Ventura County Fair, “Rides, Ribbons & Rodeos.”

Judging the 88 enthusiastic entries were Ventura County Supervisor 5th District John C. Zaragoza, Nan Drake of Harrison Industries and Leticia Austin of United Way.

Foot by Foot Campaign

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Trail started to come even before the first shovel hit the dirt at the end of June.

For those of you who might have missed the news these past six years, more than 1000 Ventura Botanical Gardens members and over 400 volunteers have been working toward the creation of a world-class botanical garden to showcase the grandeur of nature along the Ventura Coast. Located in Ventura’s Grant Park, the site has a breathtaking 360-degree view that encompasses the spectacular coastline, the mountains, and lush agricultural greenery. Plans call for gardens celebrating the five Mediterranean climate zones as well as recreational and public gathering areas and educational activities for people of all ages and abilities.

The Demonstration Trail will be accessible to everyone and everyone is welcome. Decomposed granite on the walking surface and hand-built stone walls, all from local sources, will enhance the natural feel of the trail. No soil will be imported to or exported from the site. Once it’s open you will be able to “hike it, stroll it, rock ‘n’ roll it, walk your dogs, bring your camera, bring your paints, bring your sweetheart, bring your imaginary friend, bring your lunch, enjoy the view and enjoy the air”. The grand opening is being planned for Saturday, October 6th.

It’s not too late to “buy your feet” and be a part of history. All donors will be acknowledged on the Ventura Botanical Gardens website, in its membership newsletter, and at a later date, at the trail itself. Each foot is \$50. So far, donors have purchased feet as birthday gifts, wedding gifts, in honor of friends and family and in memory of loved ones. Some have even purchased feet for their dogs. Personalized certificates are sent for each donation and are suitable for framing. Visit the VBG’s website at VenturaBotanicalGardens.com to join the community in stepping up and jumping in to the build the trail. It’s good for all of Ventura County.

Pier Under the Stars

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and include food and beverage tasting, a commemorative Pier wine glass and complementary parking. A limited number of VIP tickets are offered at \$100 each. VIP tickets include all of the benefits associated with General Admission, plus early entrance to the event at 4:30 pm and a reserved seat at a VIP table along the promenade.

Tickets are available on line at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/250291 or by calling 800.838.3006. Additional information, including mail in ticket options and restaurant/winery participation forms can be found at www.pierintothefuture.org or by calling 797.7544.

Trash & Recyclables & Green Waste Pick Up Delay Due to the Labor Day Holiday

Due to the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 3, trash and recyclables or green waste will be collected one day later than usual the week of September 2-8 in the City of Ventura. For the City of Ojai, trash and recyclables will be collected one day later than usual, on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

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Opinion/Editorial



Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ The State has found another \$119 million in untapped money bringing the total to \$286.5 million the amount that Sacramento was unaware that they

had.

“Darling I just found \$10 million in my checking account that I didn’t know that I had. Should we use the money to pay off a few bills?”

■ The downtown Foster Library has 26 newly installed computers (installed by the Ventura County Library system) that are Lenovo Think Centers with 20” screens, have Windows 7 operating systems and Microsoft Office 2010.

They can be used by anyone with a library card and time can be reserved online (or at the library by adding your name to the list).

■ In order to improve its code enforcement program a new policy has been implemented by Ventura that allows Ventura residents who need to do construction work on their homes and cannot afford the city permit fees may now apply for a payment plan.

■ My final (thank goodness) thoughts on the Olympics.

TV wrestling is a lot more fun than real wrestling.

Errol Flynn was a much more exciting fencer than real fencing.

There are folks competing (and winning) in the Olympics that aren’t athletes because some of the events are not athletic events.

I didn’t know that Cirque du Soleil competed in some of the women’s gymnastics events.

And when several athletes pray to God to win how does she decide who should win?

Medal winners get from the US Olympic Committee the following:

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Mailbox

tions by motorists, skateboarders and bicyclists was on the rise. In a 15 minute period I counted 23 traffic violations by motorists with one being a police officer.

I would say that a lot of money could be made for a lot of traffic violations. In regards to the red hand there are other reasons that motorists might not be aware that is going on with those lights that cause pedestrians to cross when red hand is showing. The push buttons are not always near the crosswalk like at Ventura Ave and Main. Some elderly people who have trouble walking aren’t going to go to one end of the street to push button and be able to get back to other end and cross over within allotted time. Also tourists might not notice were push buttons are located and some push buttons don’t work. Also the buttons have to be pushed before light turns green when it is still red or it won’t show little green man if pushed a few seconds after light turns green. Tourists are perplexed by this ritual and just stand there baffled wondering why green man doesn’t appear on green light.

You say motorists and pedestrians are aggravated with one another over the red hand and that is certainly true. However, the motorist isn’t ever going to be the one killed with a collision with a pedestrian. Let us get rid of red hand as

And you thought that it was all for fun.

■ The Ventura City Council has agreed to the postponement of the start of the Ventura Summer Concert Series until May 2013 while negotiations with the promoter are completed. Both sides agreed that because of the later than anticipated start date that it was best to try to start it next year. The concert series is planned to be in a tent on the parking lot located above city hall and a portion of the receipts will go towards the proposed botanical gardens.



I would like to thank Kurt Robbins, Manager, Stock Building Supply, for Stock’s wonderful contribution of building materials to the Face Of Ventura extravaganza on Aug. 26 (see information in this issue). And I hope to see you all there.

■ Those opposed to dogs being allowed in “Cemetery Park” may need to seek help from the federal government for assistance after the city council has again decided that dogs on leashes can continue to be there.

Of course even under these conditions many of the dogs that play at the park are not on leashes, which is breaking the law but the police department hardly has time to enforce the law so dogs remain off leash in many cases (and in many other parks). Hopefully when signs are put up explaining these dog friends will abide and owners will keep their dogs on leashes.

But to show their appreciation of this being a hallowed (historical)

cemetery the council has approved improvements to the park which have commenced. Among the changes are the removal of about a dozen junipers that have no historical value and whose roots are damaging a historical wall. This is in preparation for other “minor” improvements to be made there that include moving the flagpole and installing a memorial with the names of veterans who have been buried there, and interpretive signs.

The work will cost about \$175,000 and will certainly not satisfy those who want to return the park to being only a cemetery.

Right now dogs are only allowed off leash at Camino Real and Arroyo Verde parks at certain areas and times.

■ Weather report about 2 weeks ago (and basically ever since):

Ventura	77
Ojai	109
Woodland Hills	109
Santa Clarita	104

Enough said except that July was the hottest month ever recorded in the United States and more than 60% of the country is in the grip of moderate or exceptional drought. “Some” think that this might be due to global warming.

■ “Curiosity”, the largest and most advanced spacecraft ever built is now sitting on Mars for its 2-year quest to determine whether we have always been alone in the universe (I hope if there are others that they are not as violent as us).

Perhaps the 2.5 billion spent on the mission could better be spent here to assure that we still remain in the universe.

■ The gunman (Wade Page) who killed 6 at a Sikh Temple had a criminal record, a history of involvement in the radical white supremacy movement and a troubled Army career and yet was able to legally buy a 9-millimeter handgun. Probably some of the Sikhs wouldn’t be able to do that.

Hi Sheldon,

I read your opinion on the traffic lights so I thought I give to you the perspective of this pedestrian. I also hate the red hands on the street lights and think they should be removed. You are right it is confusing for motorist and pedestrian.

Since I seldom drive but walk to the downtown area I want to assure you that motorists are breaking many more traffic laws than pedestrians. One day I stood at the bus stop at Laurel and Main to see if my awareness of constant viola-

you have suggested and when light turns green let the little green man appear.

Finally, how about addressing all the traffic violations of motorists? I would rather get a ten percent cut for tickets that could be given for all the laws being broken daily in the downtown area by motorists. If a pedestrian can get fined 200 dollars for signals that don’t always work or are not easily located what could we get for cars going 30 east and west on Main St. with an elderly man in the middle of said crosswalk? Maybe the city and the police department aren’t giving out enough tickets because it certainly isn’t getting better and Ventura just keeps growing and growing.
George Medeiros

Breeze:

Here is the general scoop on panhandling when children are involved.

Unfortunately, it is not illegal to panhandle with “your” children present. The reason I used italics is that the child with the adult may not actually be theirs, but possibly a friend’s kid. Usually the

child is with a parent or the parent is nearby. Children and pets increase a panhandler take generally.

For the few children that are out with parents, the police have been contacted many times and both PD and social services have interfaced with these families. Children services have been contacted and even gone out to investigate. If the children are clean, not showing signs of abuse (although, in my opinion, panhandling with your children is abuse), not in danger, in the roadway, etc, then there is no crime and PD or social services cannot do anything. If the parent is in violation of a panhandling ordinance (aggressive, blocking traffic or pedestrians, near an ATM or a few other banned locations) not much anyone can do. If school is in session and the child you see should be in school that might be a reportable issue, unless the child is being home schooled. If you have concerns, I would not hesitate contacting both PD and Children services. It helps when concerned citizens call.

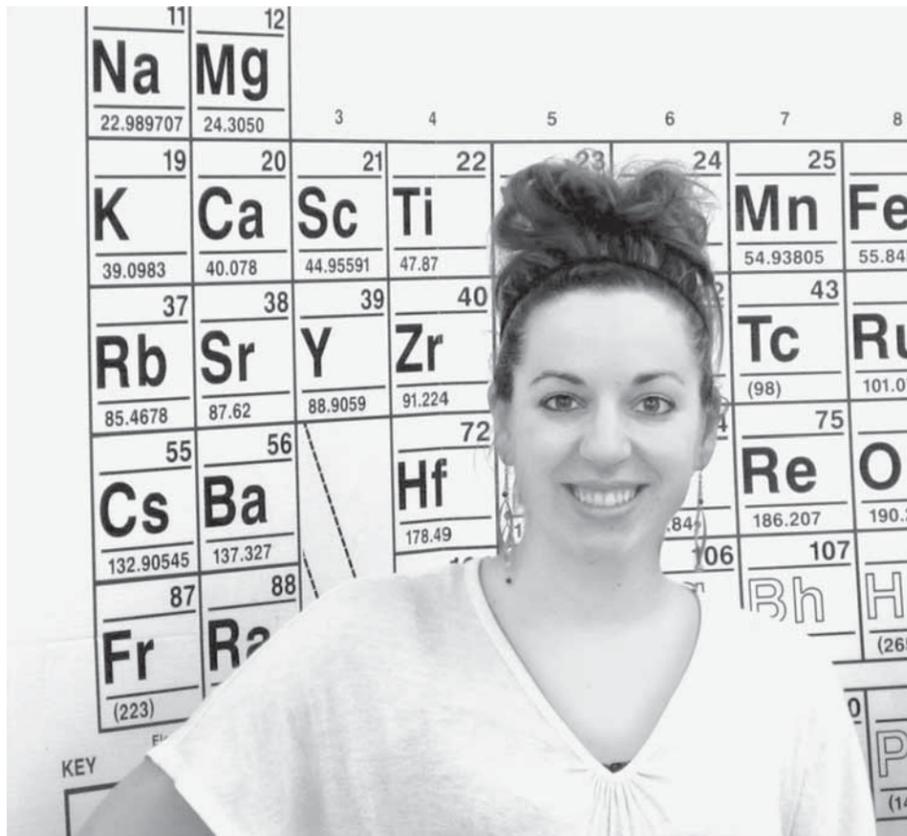
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Only those who will risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go.

–T.S. Eliot



News and Notes



St. Bonaventure High School teacher Sarah Swisher, recently spent two weeks at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Washington

Science teacher seeks out innovative teaching strategies

by Tim Pompey

Sarah Swisher, a chemistry and physical science instructor at St. Bonaventure High School, was one of twenty educators from across the country chosen to take part in a research education program sponsored by The Siemens Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy, a collaboration between the Siemens Foundation, Discovery Education, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and the College Board.

Swisher explained how she discovered the program. "I search for summer opportunities every year," she said, "so I found the program online through the Siemens website."

This particular program piqued her interest because it combined cutting edge research with teacher training and collaboration. "The fact that it was a two-week immersion program rather than just going to a workshop interested me. This is a much more in-depth and extensive program."

Swisher worked for two weeks with a team of scientists and fellow teachers at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) in Richland, Washington to explore CdSe quantum dots – tiny pieces of matter that have electronic properties. The lab, funded in part by the U.S. Department of Energy, is researching ways to develop hybrid solar energy cells.

As a result of her studies, Swisher has returned with new ideas about how to connect her students to innovative research methods. Rather than just opening a book and following instructions, she would like her classrooms to incorporate more creative thinking and problem solving strategies. "We do a lot of labs and activities," she explained. "A lot of times the lab will be something in which you just give them the procedure and they repeat it. But at PNNL, we were encouraged to create lessons in which you give students a main objective and they design the experiment."

Swisher believes her new connec-

tions to Siemens and the Discovery Foundation will allow her to link her students to other scientists. "Siemens and the Discovery Foundation have ways for us to connect with actual scientists," she said. "For instance, someone who works in the Arctic region. I can show them that these people do exist. They're not just people in a white lab coat."

The Siemens Foundation, Discovery Education and their partners developed the Siemens Teachers as Researchers (STARs) fellowship to invigorate teachers by immersing them in authentic research alongside some of the country's brightest scientific minds. The hope is that these teachers will bring the experience back into their classrooms and inspire their students to pursue STEM education and careers.

"We hope that Sarah's experience at the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, and the experiences of her cohorts, will help inspire their students to become our country's next generation of scientists and engineers," said Jeniffer Harper-Taylor, president of the Siemens Foundation. "We see the STARs program as a key part of the Siemens Foundation's broad effort to improve our country's competency in STEM education and are honored that Sarah was able to participate."

Swisher hopes that working with new technologies and collaborating with other teachers will inspire her to bring more creative scientific approaches into her classroom.

She would also like to share her experiences with her students and show them that science careers are a viable option. "One of the main things I want to do is introduce students to science careers," she said. "They know they can be a doctor or an engineer, but there are so many different science careers out there, such as the research I did with solar cells. I want to be able to show them the connections from the classroom to the outside world."

Wildfires are extremely dangerous and hard to control

by Don McPherson

Fire Chief, Ventura City Fire Department

Fire is, and has always been, a natural part of the beautiful environment in which we have chosen to live. Wildfires are fueled by a build-up of dry vegetation and driven by hot, dry winds. They are extremely dangerous and difficult to control. Fire season in Ventura County is now a year-round reality, and Summer/Fall 2012 is shaping up to be exceedingly dangerous. Large amounts of rainfall and increased foliage growth this year have left us with high potential for extreme fire behavior. Both firefighters and residents need to be on heightened alert to the threat of wildfire at all times.

Ventura City Fire Department takes every precaution to help protect you and your property from a wildfire. Firefighters engage in advanced training, readiness drills, and make countless preparations. The reality during a major wildfire, however, is that there will simply not be enough fire engines or firefighters available to defend your home. Fire suppression resources have been reduced on local, State, and Federal levels. Residents need to take personal responsibility for protecting their own lives, the lives of their family, and their property.

If your home borders a natural area it is in the "Wildland-Urban Interface," and you may find yourself directly in the path of a wildfire. If your home is within 1-mile of a natural area it is in the "Ember Zone," and still at significant risk. Wind-driven embers can travel long distances from the fire front, destroying homes and even entire neighborhoods. There are many ways to maximize the chances of your home surviving a wildfire. One of the most important things you can do is to create a "Defensible Space," a buffer between your home and combustibles, both natural and man made. Another is to retrofit your home with ignition resistive construction features, and to clear combustible debris from roof, gutter, and vent areas. These simple actions, when taken by you will give firefighters the upper hand they need to succeed in saving your home.

The best thing you, your family, and friends can do to protect your safety during a wildfire is to leave early, evacuating well ahead of the fire. Creation of a wildfire action plan, and a family disaster plan, will help eliminate the guesswork and stress that will certainly accompany an event such as this. Everyone in your family should be familiar with the plan, especially where to go and how to get in contact with each other. You can find detailed information about our "Ready, Set, Go!" program, which includes ignition resistive home preparation, creation of defensible space, wildfire action plans, checklists, and family disaster plans on our website www.cityofventura.net/fire/ready-set-go

It is not a question of if, but rather when the next wildfire will occur. With some advance planning and preparation you can dramatically increase your safety and the survivability of your property. The most important person protecting your life and property is you. Are you ready?

Visit us online at facebook.com/venturacityfire, and youtube.com/VenturaCityFD.

Lion's are dancing at the museum

A spectacular Chinese Lion Dance by the Camarillo Kung Fu and Lion Dance Association highlights the Chinese Cultural Heritage Festival at the Museum of Ventura County on Saturday, September 8th from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The family event celebrates the cultural contributions of Chinese Americans, with the Lion Dance at 2:00 p.m. and additional Chinese dance performances, demonstrations of kinetic sculpture, calligraphy, brush painting, paper making, and silk painting throughout the afternoon. Visitors can also visit the new museum exhibit Hidden Voices: The Chinese of Ventura County, which focuses upon the largely unheard story of early Chinese settlements in Ventura and Oxnard. Festival admission is \$5 for the general public, free for members and children 12 years old and younger, and includes entry to all four new museum exhibits.

The Ventura County Chinese American Association Dance Troupe, and Nan's Dance Studio present performances after the Lion Dance. Throughout the day, artist BiJian Fan demonstrates how he makes his kinetic sculptures; artist Christine Leong paints with watercolor on paper and silk scarves; the Conejo Chinese Cultural Association demonstrates how to make paper, and the Ventura County Chinese American Association applies the brush to the art of calligraphy and painting.



Compassionate Eating TV Show Debut

by Bianca Martinez

Author, Breeze contributing writer

After a year of creative development and collaboration, the first episode of Compassionate Eating aired on local cable access Channel 6 on August 18th at 6:00 pm. Local artist, author, Breeze contributing writer and public speaker Bianca Martinez and director Jeffrey Sloane have worked together to create a unique program that mixes demonstrative cooking videos with original artwork, testimonials and nutritional food medicine.

Future shows will include interviews with local and notable vegans, vegetarians, nutritionists, farmers, activists, athletes and more. The goal of the show is to inspire and empower viewers to take control of their own health and



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the health of our planet. Bianca has researched the healing power of foods, spices and herbs for the past 10 years and offers ways viewers can protect themselves from cancer and other illnesses by making informed choices.

“By making simple, compassionate choices about how we eat, we can create a more sustainable and peaceful future for all living beings.”

Bianca Martinez

An online version of the show will be available on their website www.compassionateating.com and through Vemio.

Swift Chip in campaign to employ U.S. veterans

CompTIA, the non-profit association for the information technology (IT) industry, has introduced a new initiative aimed at bringing United States military veterans into the nation's IT workforce.

CompTIA's Troops to Tech Careers program will help veterans make the transition from the armed forces to the civilian workforce – specifically in IT jobs.

“The service and sacrifice that these men and women have given to our nation makes it incumbent on all of us to ease their transition to civilian life by making employment opportunities available to them,” said Todd Thibodeaux, president and chief executive officer, CompTIA.

California (And Ventura) based Swift Chip, Inc. is now one of the charter members of this initiative and can be found on the CompTIA corporate registry <http://www.troopstotechcareers.org/corporate-registry.aspx>

Swift Chip CEO Kenneth May stated, “We are honored and grateful for our troops’ service and are excited to aid in be a part of their transition back to civilian life. They have a work ethic like none other, so I have no doubts about this program working.”



Pam Pecarich, Kay Armstrong, Lorie Balzer, Donna Nelson, Peggy Ruesink, Arlene Briggie, Dede Taylor, Sherry Cash and Dorothy Prairie are proud Soroptimists

Soroptimists install officers and directors

The Soroptimist Club of Ventura installed new officers and directors at the end of June for the 2012-2013 club year. The Incoming President, Peggy Ruesink, thanked outgoing President Sherry Cash for her two years of service and presented her with the special Soroptimist Past President's pin. She welcomed the incoming officers and Directors and expressed her appreciation for their willingness to serve. She announced a club theme for the year

of “Let's Have Fun!”

Incoming Officers and Directors are Peggy Ruesink as President, Donna Nelson and Kay Armstrong as Co-Treasurers, Pam Pecarich as Recording Secretary, Arlene Briggie as Corresponding Secretary, Sherry Cash and Lorie Balzer as Two-Year Directors, Dede Taylor and Dorothy Prairie as One-Year Directors – all of Ventura.

Soroptimist International is a part of the world's largest classified service organization for executive and professional women. Headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, SI has more than 100,000 members in 1,500 clubs in 21 countries. In addition to supporting international projects, Soroptimist clubs accomplish their service goals based on individual community needs. For more information about Soroptimist and how you can become a member, please call Sherry at 701-1251 or email siventura@soroptimist.net.

Summer offerings at Farmers' Market

From delicious fruits and vegetables, to exotic plants, the Ventura County Certified Farmers' Markets have a wide variety of offerings this summer season.

The community of Ventura is served with two Certified Farmers' Markets – Wednesdays at the Pacific View Mall, front west parking lot on Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and on Saturdays in Downtown Ventura on the corners of East Santa Clara and Palm Streets from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

For more information on the Ventura County Certified Farmers' Market Association, call 529-6266 or visit their website at www.vccfarmersmarket.com. Follow the Farmers' Market on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vccfm.



On Aug. 8, at 6:20pm, Ventura City Fire units responded to a structure fire in a condominium complex located in the 700 block of Thoreau Lane. First on scene fire unit reported heavy smoke and fire from a garage unit below a second story residence. Fire units on scene attacked the seat of the fire in the garage; protected 3 adjacent residential units from fire extension; searched and confirmed all occupants were out of the structure, and assessed an elderly male resident for possible injuries incurred during the fire.

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Refuse collection delayed one day for Labor Day

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, employees of E.J. Harrison & Sons will be taking the day off on Monday, Sept. 3. As a result, residential customers in Ventura, Ojai and surrounding areas will have their trash and recyclables collected one day later than usual.

The regular collection schedule will resume the following week.

For more information, call 647-1414

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The key here is public education to not give to this type of solicitation. They wouldn't do it if people stopped giving. I did read about an ordinance this last week, I think it was in Oklahoma that panhandlers actually have to get city permits (\$200) and have insurance.

Don't know if Ventura has considered this idea yet...would add more leverage by PD for the more transient panhandlers... and then leave the more professional ones willing to get insurance.

Rob Orth

Editor:

The State Parks portion of Pierpont Beach and the City's portion have different closing times...the State's portion closes at dusk...also it is my understanding that you can't drink on the City's portion but you can on the States. You can have a dog on a leash on the City's portion of the beach but you can't have a dog on the State's portion of the beach. Neither the City nor the State allows campfires, camping or fireworks on their portion of Pierpont Beach or any of Ventura's beaches. The City rules apply 40 feet out on Pierpont Beach and for all of the beach from Gooseneck LN to Greenock LN. The rest of Pierpont Beach the State laws apply...The States rules apply from San Pedro to 15' east of the pier. The City's laws apply from the pier to Surfer's Point....

It would certainly be nice if there was a single set of rules at least for Pierpont Beach. The imaginary 40' line that separates the City from the State is pretty ridiculous...but I am sure you already know this.

If I have gotten any of this wrong... please let me know...this is the information that I am providing the Pierpont Community Council. It is important that those of us in Pierpont understand the laws that apply to our beach.
 Murray Robertson
 A Very Concerned Pierpont Resident



On Aug. 14 the Ventura City Fire Department was dispatched to a report of an EJ Harrison trash truck on fire that was southbound on Victoria Avenue near Ralston Street. The driver of the truck was initially unaware of the burning debris and continued along his route. The truck came to a stop after being flagged down by a local citizen. Ventura City Fire Crews arrived on scene to find 7-8 tons of debris inside the trash compactor portion of the truck burning with smoke wafting over a local apartment complex.

Ventura City Firefighters coordinated with the Ventura Police Department in an effort to move the burning trash truck to a local transfer facility where the burning debris could be offloaded and extinguished.



The Face of Ventura by Johanna Spinks

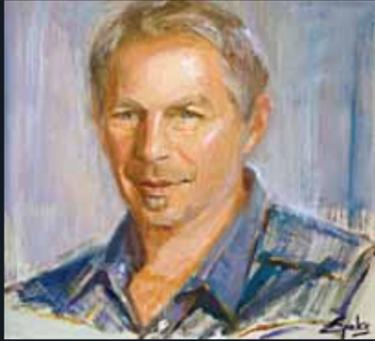
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Fundraiser for CT scanner and Birthing Simulator

Community Memorial Healthcare Foundation is holding two of its most well-known events on the same weekend in September at the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa and invites the public to attend one or both

of these events. The 15th Annual NICU Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, Sept. 28, with the 40th Annual Benefactors' Ball on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Community Memorial Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, providing care for premature and struggling infants, benefits from the funds raised at the NICU Golf Tournament. Funds will go toward the purchase of a Birthing Simulator.

In addition to golf, the tournament features lunch, prizes, and awards, and is a four-person "Texas Scramble" format. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. Tee time. The field is limited to 144 players. For



On Aug. 8, at 2:17pm the Ventura City Fire Department responded to a vehicle accident at the intersection of Main Street and Telephone Road. The first arriving engine company reported a 3 vehicle traffic accident with multiple injuries caused when a midsize sedan exited the 101 freeway overpass 25 feet above, landing in the bed of a full size pick-up truck on Telephone Road below. Ventura City firefighters, police and AMR ambulance personnel worked together to treat and transport the injured victims, control hazards from the damaged vehicles and manage the traffic associated with the incident.

A multi-casualty incident was declared as a result of this incident and 5 individuals were transported to 3 different local area hospitals.

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more information visit www.nicugolf.org, or call the Foundation office 667-2881.

The Benefactors' Ball will begin with a wine-tasting reception at 5:30 p.m. with the cocktail hour beginning at 6 p.m. Dinner is set for 7 p.m., with dancing and music performed by the world renowned sound of Soul City Survivors starting at 8 p.m. The evening is black tie optional.

This year the Benefactors' Ball will raise funds to go toward the purchase of a CT scanner for the Emergency Department in the new Community Memorial Hospital.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

Would you like to meet new friends? Do you need more than tweeting or blogging to express what's on your mind? Then **Ventura's Conversation Group** is the right outlet for you. This eclectic group meets **Wednesdays** from 4 pm to 6 pm at the Adult Recreation Center, 420 E. Santa Clara Street. People of all ethnicities, education, incomes, personalities, and interests are welcome and no topic is off limits.

Aug. 22: The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is about to start their fall semester with classes in Ventura and Ojai. Two classes will be held at the Ventura Adult Continuing Education building. The first is "Art of Prehistory and the Ancient Near East" which will be held on Wednesdays from 2p.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 22. The second is "A House Divided: a History of the Civil War Era" which will be held on Wednesdays from 6p.m. to 8 p.m. And at the Little House of Ojai there will be a celebration of Charles Dickens in honor of his 200th anniversary. This class will be held on Friday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on **Aug. 24:** There are many more classes that will be held at the Broome Library on the CSUCI campus. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Donna at 437-2748

Aug. 25: Saturday 7p.m. and 9p.m. Jodi Farrell performer co-host, a Saint Pierre Production, 2 easy rock bands August Rising and All Natural Ingredients original music with photographic visual art exhibit, Patty Faux and Ray Hennessy's digital imagery by rHfactor. Silent auction benefits artists and the non-profit as needy kids get musical instruments and art supplies. Live TV show. Tickets \$9.95 to \$26.95 6p.m. dinner and drinks available. Showplace at Yolies 138 W. Main St. Free Parking. For reservations (888) 226-9668 or www.ConcertArtShows.org

Aug. 25: Spencer Makenzie's Block Party, is back again with an incredible line up of musical acts, including a return performance by the king of surf rock, Dick Dale. The family friendly event will once again take over a full city block outside of the popular downtown restaurant by the Pacific Ocean. The 2 day block party will feature live music, a corn hole tournament, beer and wine, a sand castle contest, eclectic vendors, a massive kid's activity zone hosted by the Ventura Family YMCA. The block party starts at Noon both days. All ages are welcome. Admission is \$10 per day for adults and free for kids under 12.

The event is at 806 E. Thompson Blvd. For more information www.smfishco.com.

Aug. 26: The film by Toni Jannotta *Voices of the Homeless* will screen at the E.P. Foster Library at 2p.m. Admission is free. The 33 minute film is based on her experiences in working with the homeless. She was first introduced to the population through a grant from the Ventura County Arts Council to partner with Project Under-

Sept. 1 & 2: The 10th Annual Ventura Nationals Hot Rod & Motorcycle Show and Music Festival rolls into to the Ventura County Fairgrounds on Saturday and Sunday, at 9am. Attractions include over 700 pre-1969 American hotrods, customs, classics, trucks, lowriders, and motorcycles on display and a pin up contest. Guests will enjoy live music as bands spanning five different genres shake, rattle, and roll.

Sept. 2: A February 12, 1946 broadcast of Inner Sanctum and 1898 to 1912 recordings of early tzigane (gypsy) music will be featured in the Dudley House historic recording series during the **Dudley House open house**. 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 refurbished lavender garden with over 50 varieties of lavender is free.

Sept. 2: The film *Bitter Seeds*, directed by Micha X. Peled, will be screened on Sunday, at 3 p.m. at the general monthly meeting of **Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions** at the Topping Room, E.P. Foster Library. The film documents how companies like the U.S. based Monsanto charm or force small Indian farmers to go into debt to buy genetically engineered cotton seed and Roundup herbicide, only to see their crops fail and land lost to creditors. Discussion follows about the implications of Proposition 37 for local food security here and abroad. Suggested donation of \$5 helps the Committee for the Right to Know (Yes on 37) with materials for voter education in Ventura County.

Sept. 3: The Ventura County Philatelic Society Mondays, September 3 and 17 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. Contact: vcpsforyou@lycos.com or 320-1601 for more information.

Sept. 4: At 6pm, the **Ventura County Chapter of the Surfrider Foundation** will have a special guest speaker for their chapter meeting, iconic surfboard shaper **Malcolm Campbell**. Along with his brother Duncan, Malcolm started Campbell Brothers Surfboards in 1970. He will be presenting a short film documenting Bonzers past and present and will answer questions on the history of the Bonzer and surfboard design. The chapter meeting will start at 6pm in the Topping Room of the E.P. Foster Library. For more information, e-mail volunteercoordinator@ventura.surfrider.org, or call 443-1888.

Sept. 4: Attend and share if you have had heart surgery or stent implant with the **Mended Hearts of Ventura Group** meets the first Tuesday each month at the Community Memorial Hospital on the 8th floor, from 7p.m. to 9pm. They have excellent speakers, leading Cardiologists, Nutritionists, Dietitians, etc. from our area who gives excellent information. Contact: Richard Hatcher 644-2733.

Sept. 5: 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. Please attend their monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. at The Greek Restaurant in the Ventura Harbor. No charge for meeting and no reservation is required. Guest Speaker: Suz Montgomery, Instructor of Sr. Ed/Older Adult Programs with Ventura Unified School District & Coastal View Care in Ventura. Ms. Montgomery is also Executive/Director/Founder of Extended Learning Academy.



Business

How to get your business on the first page

by Andy Collins

You're running a business here in Ventura and that big yellow book of ads doesn't work anymore. You know the Internet (and the Breeze) is the way to get found, but your website isn't getting the phone to ring. Someone tells you that you need to get your site search engine optimized (SEO).

If you're like a lot of people, you search for your website by putting your business name in and there it is, at the top of Google (or the search engine of choice). I hear this all the time, this isn't SEO.

Jim Duran's a friend of mine and he pastors the River Community Church. When I told him what I did for businesses, he answered this way, "I know, when we type in 'the River Church Ventura' or 'River Community Church' we're all over the front page. I mentioned that was great for people that wanted to find his specific church by name, but what if someone was seeking to find a church home in Ventura after moving here, they would probably start by typing in 'churches Ventura' or 'church Ventura' (which might give different listings as each of those are considered different keywords to the search engines).

He then realized that his church wasn't on the first page, the second, third, or fourth page, before giving up (the same most people do).

Keywords are critical to getting your website found and they can be 1, 2, 3, or more word phrases, and they are still called 1 keyword. These are the phrases people type in to find the product or service you sell. In the old days, when you went to your big book, you might go directly to plumbers if your water heater was leaking, now you go to the Internet and you might type in "water heater leak fix Ventura" or "plumber Ventura" or "pipe repair Ventura, CA". Each of these keywords will bring back different listings for people to click on.

As a business owner you want to be found in as many of these searches as possible.

Google has a formula that's as closely guarded as the Coca Cola® recipe on how they deliver their SERP's (Search Engine Results Pages) and they change it a couple of times a year which reshuffles a lot of listings.

The best way to optimize your pages is to concentrate of some of the better known tips, which are: Make sure your meta Title tag and your meta Description in the hidden part of your code matches exactly the keyword you are trying to rank for, then make that keyword in a bold font on your page, add the same phrase a few times on the page (optimal is 3 – 5%). There are other tips, like adding a picture with that phrase in the alt text, adding an outbound link with the phrase, but sticking to the first 4 tips will get you started.

Please be patient while you wait for the search engines to recognize your changes, it can take a few weeks, and even a couple of months to see these changes make a difference in your rankings.

If you have any questions about any of this visit my Facebook page, www.facebook.com/AndyMyCIO and leave them in the comments section.

For additional information, please call 652-1138 or 659-4542

Sept. 8: Join the **San Buenaventura Friends of the Library** on Saturday, as Richard Senate reveals the **Myths and Monsters of Ventura County**. The Friends of the Library, in collaboration with E.P. Foster Library's neighbor, Bank of Books, are delighted to present four installments of Richard Senate's Ventura. Mr. Senate has already taken us back to Jungleland, Ventura County's first and only theme park and led us on a quest for Lost Treasures of Ventura County. Join in from 4p.m. to 5p.m. in the Topping Room, E.P. Foster Library. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free!

Sept. 22: Amnesty International Local Group # 452 will hold its annual Write-a-thon on Saturday, from 1p.m. to 4 p.m. at College United Methodist Church, 4300 Telegraph Rd. The public is invited to join in a letter writing marathon for human rights around the world. You will enjoy good company, music and snacks. Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights to be respected and protected for everyone.

For more information, call Nan Durantini 650-7314 or Mary Olson 643-8048.

Ojai events

On **Aug. 26** the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *The Island President*, a compelling documentary about President Mohammed Nasheed's attempt to save the 1200-island Maldives nation from disappearing under the sea due to climate change.

On Sept. 2, 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.

Ojai Playhouse, 4:30 pm.

This month's monthly Spiritual Cinema Night will feature *I Heart Huckabees*, an American philosophical comedy starring Dustin Hoffman, Lily Tomlin, Jason Schwartzman, Jude Law, Naomi Watts, Isabelle Huppert, and Mark Wahlberg. The event, which is sponsored by Symphony of Life Spiritual Center and Casa de la Luna Retreat, will take place on the last Friday of the month—August 31—at Casa de la Luna.

Doors open at 6:30 and the movie begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. Although the event is free, donations are gratefully accepted and go to Casa de la Luna Retreat, whose state-of-the-art multimedia studio is ideally suited to these and other gatherings. Casa de la Luna Retreat is located at 710 S. La Luna Ave.

The **Ojai Valley Green Coalition** invites you to the third film in its Summer Film Series, the inspiring documentary, *Revenge of the Electric Car*. The times they are a changing with major car makers finally jumping into the market to produce the "best" electronic model and "Revenge" is there to document it. Happening concurrently with the film will be an electric car showcase on Signal Street. The date is **August 25** at 4:30 p.m. and takes place at the Ojai Theatre, 145 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai. Beat the heat and be informed and inspired. Suggested donation \$10 at the door. For more details visit www.ojavalleygreencoalition.org.

The first steps in owning your own business

When Ventura native, Jana Heredia, moved back to her hometown after attending culinary school in Pasadena and working for a number of renowned restaurants in San Francisco, San Diego and Los Angeles, she sought positions at local bakeries that offered high quality products and an outlet for her to express her artistic side.

She soon found that there was an opportunity to fill this niche in Ventura and decided to start her own business creating wedding cakes and specialty desserts. With this idea brewing, Jana sought the help of Women's Economic Ventures' (WEV) to gain the necessary tools to start her business and participated in WEV's Self-Employment Training (SET) course. The SET course provided Jana with the confidence and knowledge to take her first steps towards entrepreneurship and owning her own business.

SET is a 14-week course that provides week-by-week training in the most important aspects of organizing, financing, marketing and managing a small business. Participants leave the course with a complete business plan including a business description, marketing plan, cash flow projections, operations plan, and a core network to help sustain the business.

"WEV really helped me get a handle on all of the logistics of owning a business. I knew that I could bake and decorate a cake, but to think about how to market my skills, figure out self employment taxes, and calculate how everything should come together was overwhelming."

There are now more than 2,000 businesses throughout Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties owned and operated by WEV clients. WEV's Self-Employment

Training course is part of the continuum of programs WEV offers to help women and men start-up, launch, grow, and sustain their own business. The next Self-Employment Training course begins in September and free orientations are being offered in August. For more information or to register for an orientation, visit www.wevonline.org/set-orientations.

Andria's Seafood celebrates 30th anniversary

Andria's Seafood at the Ventura Harbor Village is celebrating their 30th year in business.

Owner Michael Wagner says that the recession hasn't hurt business at Andria's. Wagner is semi-retired now and leaves much of the restaurant's day-to-day operations to his daughter – you guessed it – Andria.

Wagner has been in the fish business since the mid 1970s. He previously owned a large production plant and a fish retail market in Santa Barbara. He later worked with the Ventura Port District to help forward plans for the Ventura Harbor through various government agencies. In the process of signing his lease, Wagner was asked if he'd be interested in having a fish market there too and if he'd do some cooking. He opened Andria's Seafood, and the rest, as they say, is history.

New restaurant and bar at Players Casino

The Players Casino has a completely new restaurant, "The Patio" restaurant and bar at Players Casino. For those of you who haven't heard of Players Casino

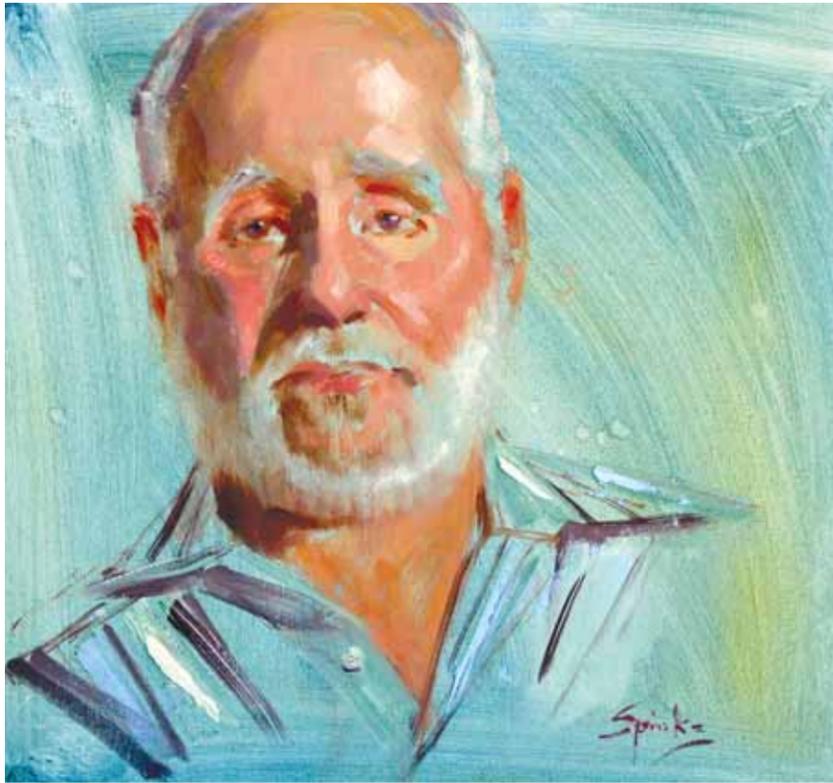
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On Aug. 10 the Ventura City Fire Department was dispatched to a reported water rescue at the Ventura Pier. The first arriving Engine Company reported a male victim in the water on the north side of the pier hanging onto a pier piling. Ventura Harbor Patrol and Ventura City Fire rescue swimmers performed a water rescue; removing the victim from the pier piling; transferring him to a waiting Harbor Patrol boat; and moving him to the beach for evaluation and treatment of non-life threatening injuries. The victim was transported to a local area hospital for further evaluation and treatment.

Witnesses at the scene stated that the victim verbalized that he was making an attempt on his life just prior to jumping off the pier. Follow up investigation is ongoing by the City of Ventura Police Department.

The Ventura Breeze Presents The Face Of Ventura



David Friedlander

Portrait by Johanna Spinks

David Friedlander and his wife Faith raised their three children in Ojai and moved to Ventura in 1999. In January of 2000, David, Faith and other passionate community members opened Kids & Families Together with the purpose of providing services to families that have come together through foster care, kinship care (most often grandparents raising grandchildren) and/or adoption. Kids & Families Together is a not-for-profit organization that has become one of the county's leading contractors providing services to children and families within Ventura County's child welfare system. Based in an historic Victorian home in downtown Ventura, Kids & Families Together provides services countywide. Last year, Kids & Families Together opened Alice's House, cooperative living for young women who have "aged out" of the foster care system.

David, the organization's Executive Director, recently noted that since the organization's inception there have been great strides in the information, education and services provided to these caregivers who have been asked to care for some of the county's most vulnerable children. Many of these children have witnessed or been victims of family violence and/or abuse, were prenatally exposed to drugs and/or other harmful substances and have experienced trauma, loss, grief and multiple placements. Parenting these children can often be abnormally challenging and requires increased knowledge and support services that will keep both the parents and children emotionally and physically healthy and safe.

Prior to Kids & Families Together, David was in property development and in the 80's owned gift and collectible stores in Malibu, Santa Monica and Ojai. David's Santa Monica store, A. Classic Emporium, was a national top prize winner for concept and design. In the early 90's he turned his efforts to classic gift and toy manufacturing. David states that he has survived,

his house burning down, businesses being flooded (twice), a plunge down a 300 foot cliff in his car and even a rogue wave going through his house – "I feel like the luckiest person alive" – my family has remained safe and healthy. "I believe these experiences have influenced who I am and my passion for the work of Kids & Families Together."

We asked him what he likes most about Ventura

Having grown up in Burbank, I love the California life style. Ventura is a perfect combination of sun and cool. I enjoy morning walks on the beach and an occasional hike in the hills. In my home I have enlarged photos of some of Ventura County's iconic places – two trees, the islands and the Topa Topas. Although I miss my two sons and granddaughter who live in Portland, I am blessed to have my daughter, her husband and four grandchildren close by. And my daughter and her husband recently had twins – those grandchildren keep my wife and I hopping. I can't imagine being a full-time caregiver of grandchildren, like we are asking of so many in our community.

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

I especially enjoyed my conversation with Johanna because we have some similar past living experiences, even though I wasn't particularly comfortable doing a portrait sitting. Having so much attention on me is awkward, especially knowing that it was going to be in the Ventura Breeze and on display elsewhere.

But my mantra is if anything brings attention to Kids & Families Together and the work that they do, I need to just suck it up and so I did it. I hope that people will take the time to check out the Kids & Families Together website at kidsandfamilies.org.

I especially want to thank Johanna and Sheldon for this opportunity.



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Health



Medical clinic coming to your neighborhood

Mobile medical clinic will offer routine medical screenings

As a result of collaboration between multiple agencies and foundations, Ventura County Health Care Agency's mobile medical clinic will offer routine medical screenings near the office of the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura.

Mobile medical clinic staff will provide information about programs available to the residents to ensure a program, insurance, or eligibility for reduced fees covers each resident.

The collaboration between the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura, Landon Pediatric Foundation, Ventura County Health Care Agency, Las Islas Medical Group and the West Ventura Clinic ensures that residents experiencing barriers to accessing medical care will be served.

"This is a move in the right direction," said Denise Wise, CEO of the Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura. "The Housing Authority, in partnership with its residents, identifies gaps in service,

and we move together to meet the needs. This is an exciting time, and to have such outstanding partners creates success."

Screenings are August 27, and will be at 234 W. Vince Street at the Housing Authority's Westview Center and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a one-hour closure at noon.

The Housing Authority of the City of San Buenaventura has served the needs of low income residents since 1949. With 716 public housing units, 1349 Section 8 vouchers and 72 non-profit housing units, the agency prides itself in providing decent, safe and affordable housing to approximately 2,000 low and moderate income families in the City of Ventura.

Grief support

Livingston Hospice conducts several adult bereavement support groups to help those who have experienced a loss. Explore and express feeling, understand the grief process and receive emotional support. Open to the public, free of charge, all are welcome.

The groups are held:

Wednesday: 3:00 – 4:30 pm @ The First Presbyterian Church, 850 Ivywood Drive, Oxnard.

Wednesday: 6:30 – 8:00 pm @ Livingston Memorial VNA, 1996 Eastman Ave (#112), Ventura.

Monthly: For the newly bereaved; 2nd Thursday; 6:00 – 7:30 pm @ Livingston Memorial VNA, 1996 Eastman Ave (#106), Ventura.

For more information call 642-1608.

Kids

Boys & Girls Club in the news

"DAY FOR KIDS", the annual family community event, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura is scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 11am – 3pm at the Bill LeFevre Center, 1929 Johnson Dr. This free admission event will feature entertainment, live music, face painting, tournaments, martial arts, carnival games, Jolly Jumper, food, prizes, etc.

The national "DAY FOR KIDS" event is a day set aside each year to celebrate and honor the children of Ventura, Saticoy and Oak View by spending meaningful time with them. It's a day focused on celebrating children, grandchildren or any child in need of nurturing and mentoring.

Approximately 3500 kids (6 to 18 years of age) and families attend the year-round after-school and summertime programs at the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura's five centers. A recent CLU survey revealed that 97% of Club members graduate from high school and there were 0% teen pregnancies.

For additional event or Club information contact event chair, Elizabeth Claudio at 659-3340 or check the website at www.bgclubventura.org.

The Staples "DoSomething" campaign encourages young people to collect school supplies and drop them off at the Staples' Store in Ventura until September 15. All school supplies collected will benefit local disadvantaged youth from the Boys & Girls Club of Ventura helping to equip them with the tools they need to achieve academic success in time for the new school year. The "Staples for Students" school supply drive supports the Club's mission, "To enable all young people, especially those who need us

most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens."

To kick-start the campaign Staples will donate \$125,000 worth of school supplies to the national program at the Boys & Girls Club of America in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition, Ventura Staples customers can get involved by donating \$1 or more at the store with 100 per cent of the proceeds benefiting the local Boys & Girls Club of Ventura students in need.

The "Staples for Students" campaign is offering easy, innovative and new ways for teens to get involved. By visiting www.staplesforstudents.org teens can get action plan information.

GOCARE Inc., is helping Nicaraguans

Nicaragua is the poorest country in Central America and the second poorest in the Western Hemisphere, with widespread war in the 1980s having destroyed much of the country's infrastructure. GOCARE Inc. provides a bridge to a better life through educational, health and economic development curriculum programs. Currently, about 50 percent of Nicaraguans live below the poverty line, while 80 percent live on less than \$2 per day, according to the U.N. Development Programme.

Jan Lindsay, CEO of GOCARE Inc., made it his mission to help the Nicaraguan community after his first visit to the Third World country in 2001 with the Ventura East Rotary Club. With a background in economics, Lindsay felt the best way to help lift the community out of poverty is through education. He was inspired by the work of the late Alice McGrath, a Ventura

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resident activist who developed a passion for Nicaragua and the Sandinista movement and helped lead 86 missions between 1990 and 2000.

GOCARE Inc. has been recognized as a model program by the Nicaragua Ministry of Education for its adult education courses in reading and math, pre-school, day care, computer instruction, English instruction and vocational training. Over the past 11 years, the organization has helped more than 360 students graduate from GOCARE Inc. programs on their way to college. With the core philosophy "Come Back to Give Back," students pursuing their college degrees are encouraged to help mentor and lead their peers through GOCARE's programs.

To learn more about GOCARE, Inc.'s efforts and to make a difference, visit www.gocarekids.org.

River Haven paint project

by Lynn Huber

Many of Ventura's homeless find themselves living in the river bottom without access to shelter or essential medical and social services. River Haven is a two-year transitional program offering Ventura's homeless an opportunity to move from the river bottom towards self-sufficiency.

River Haven residents are sheltered in 18 dome-shaped structures. Each dome houses a single person or a married couple. The River Haven community is self-governed and free of violence, drugs and alcohol. River Haven residents are required to pay rent and develop a plan to end their homelessness within two years. River Haven has been successfully operating since 2004 through the Turning Point Foundation in cooperation with the City of Ventura.

The purchase and construction of the River Haven dome shelters represents an investment of thousands of donated dollars and hundreds of volunteer hours. To protect this investment, the dome shelters must be painted with a special (and costly) protective coating. Without this protective coating, ultra-violet rays of the sun will cause the dome materials to deteriorate. In addition, properly painting the domes is required to maintain the manufacturer's warranty. You can help raise the funds needed for the River Haven Paint Project by purchasing tickets or a product of your choice through the "Arts For The Homeless" program at www.artsforthehomeless.com. When you make a purchase, 100% of your donation automatically goes to the River Haven Paint Project. What could be simpler?

This offer is brought to you by the

Ventura Chamber Leadership Development Team #3. Consisting of Staci Brown, Lynn Huber, Katherine Kasmir, Robert Krimmer, and Carlos Landeros. For more information go to www.turningpointfoundation.org

Sports

Ventura Tennis Day

The Ventura Tennis Club, in cooperation with the Ventura Recreation and Community Services, is hosting its annual Ventura Tennis Day on Saturday, September 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event, which is free, will be held at the Camino Real Tennis Park.

The event will include clinics for adults and kids from 10 to 11:15 a.m. with tennis pro Scott Burton and other staff. There will be racquet demos. After the clinics, there will be some announcements, and election of new board members, and a barbecue lunch at noon followed by organized doubles play.

The Ventura Tennis Club is a non-profit community based club bringing tennis enthusiasts of all abilities together for social and competitive play.

Information: <http://www.ventura.tennisclub.com>



July 28th marked the 35th annual McNish Classic Yacht Race, sponsored by Pacific Corinthian Yacht Club (Channel Islands Harbor).

Pictured is *Cheerio II*, under full sail headed towards the finish line. The crew included Kevin Dickmann, Dick McNish (owner sitting) Scott Harrison, Flo Beck, Diane Landry, Lisa Rizzo (owner of Custom Embroidery), Scott Harrison Jr. Bill Brayton, and Doug Dodge. This wooden boat race is held every year and attracts yachts and skippers from all over; including Dennis Connor (S/V Fame) who was first to finish. More information and photos are available on pcyc.org. Photo by Doug Mangum.

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Let's talk Peripheral Artery Disease (part 2)

by Nanci Cone

PAD diagnosis begins with a physical examination. Your healthcare provider will check for weak pulses in the legs. When you are sent for a physical examination, there are various types of tests the neurologist can perform to determine whether the patient has PAD.

Tests you may have to confirm PAD include:

Duplex ultrasound: uses high-frequency sound waves to measure real-time blood flow and detect blockages or other abnormalities in the structure of blood vessels

Pulse volume recording: measures the volume of blood at various points in the legs using an arm blood pressure cuff and a Doppler probe

Magnetic resonance angiography (MRA): uses magnetic fields and radio waves to show blockages inside arteries

Computed tomographic angiography (CTA): uses specialized CT scans and contrast dye to show blockages inside arteries

Angiography: produces X-ray pictures of the blood vessels in the legs using a contrast dye to highlight the arteries

According to Dr. Shawn Skillern of West Coast Vascular, "We want to get people in for testing as soon as possible. Early detection can save your life or, at the very least, your limbs. It is important for anyone who is experiencing leg pain and who is a smoker, physically inactive, suffering from high cholesterol, diabetes, or high blood pressure to have your general physician refer you to a vascular surgeon to check for PAD. There are various techniques available for treating this disease today - often with minimally invasive procedures. The longer someone waits to be tested, the harder it can be to correct. And if PAD is not diagnosed and treated properly, the patient can succumb to a heart attack or a stroke."

Just as surgery to unclog arteries can help prevent heart attacks and strokes, angioplasties and bypass surgery can help restore blood flow to the legs of people with PAD. Although they are not as common as the comparable procedures for heart disease, the number of PAD surgeries is on the rise. An estimated 100,000 peripheral angioplasties are now performed in the U.S. each year.

Remember, just because you may have had surgery for it, you may still be at risk; however, with knowledge and a change in lifestyle, you can keep your arteries free and clear of this problem and live a long and healthy life.

The West Coast Vascular practitioners have been treating this disease for many years. "Once the patient is in recovery, I sit down and discuss what can be done to prevent PAD from returning. The only way this will happen is if he or she does a complete lifestyle change. I have seen improvements in diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol when patients have entered into a regular routine of exercise and healthy eating. These are among the most common causes of limb loss, stroke, heart attacks, and death," adds Dr. Skillern.

If you are concerned about PAD, request a referral to a vascular surgeon or contact West Coast Vascular at (805) 643-3330 or visit their website at www.westcoastvascular.com.

TowneHouse hosts Hawaii Luau

The Ventura TowneHouse bids everyone a warm aloha and an invitation to their Hawaiian Luau. This event will be held Saturday, August 25 from 12-2 pm at the TowneHouse located at 4900 Telegraph Road. Free shuttle parking will be offered at 5401 Bryn Mawr Avenue (just east of the TowneHouse) to all visitors attending the event.

This authentic, all-you-can-eat buffet, created by the master chefs of the Ventura TowneHouse, includes a Kailua pig with the traditional apple in its mouth! On hand will be 20 Hawaiian dancers wearing amazing costumes to

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On August 11 the Palms At Bonaventure (Assisted Living & Memory Care) held a Hawaiian Luau lunch for their residents and guests in their magnificent dining room. Lunch included Hawaiian drinks and food and entertainment by a troupe of Hawaiian dancers. The Palms is located at 111 N. Wells Rd. Contact 647-0616 or www.seniorlivinginstyle.com for more information regarding The Palms.

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entertain residents and visitors alike. They'll sway to the gentle rhythms and music of the Hawaiian Islands set against a background of palm trees and other decorations designed specifically for this event. The first 300 people to arrive will also receive a free Hawaiian lei.

To further encourage everyone to get into the mood, there will also be an exciting prize for the individual who arrives in the most authentic Hawaiian outfit. The winner will receive a free weekend getaway for two, courtesy of Stephen Joyce at World Venture Travels.

During the luau, visitors will have the opportunity to tour the TowneHouse newly remodeled Ocean View Apartments.

The Ventura TowneHouse prides itself on forty years of developing a lifestyle that offers seniors deluxe meals, maid service and social facilities with the opportunity to enjoy lasting friendships. Situated on spectacularly landscaped grounds, the TowneHouse is designed for comfort, safety and security with just the right amount of personal assistance.

To RSVP to this event, call 642-3263. Visit their website at www.venturatownehouse.com to learn more about the Ventura TowneHouse or to schedule an early tour of facility.

Yesterday's Café at Cypress Place

Please join Cypress Place Senior Living on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 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.

"We are thrilled to present this monthly event to the community," said Mike Macke, community marketing director at Cypress Place. "With a special area for residents with Alzheimer's and dementia right here within our assisted living community, we know how beneficial the meetings can be to not only our residents and families, but also to the greater Ventura County community as well."

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.

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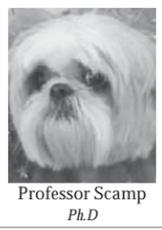


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Professor Scamp, Ph.D. (Pretty Happy Dog)



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■ For a limited time the Humane Society of Ventura County, located in Ojai, reports that they will be providing free spay and neuter services for Chihuahuas or mixed breed Chihuahuas that weigh five to fifteen pounds. Across Ventura County, shelters and rescues have experienced an increase of these small breed dogs. The population of the Humane Society dogs alone is currently 36% percent Chihuahuas and mixed Chihuahuas. With the recent expansion of its spay and neuter clinic, the Humane Society hopes to reduce this population of homeless dogs. All other spay and neuter services remain low cost, cats \$30-\$40 and dogs up to 80 pounds, \$60 to \$80 depending upon size. Appointments required. Call 656-5043 or 646-7849. This is really important if you have a pet so that the shelters don't just keep growing and growing.

■ A new Ventura law, hopefully curbing the aggression of pit bulls was voted 6-1 in favor by the city council. The law requires that by the time the pit bull is 16 weeks old, it must be spayed or neutered. "Pit bull terriers that are spayed or neutered tend to be less aggressive" Councilwoman Christy Weir stated. Surrounding cities are expected to adopt the ordinance, which will in turn make it easier to enforce the law.

People can still own pit bulls, we just want them to settle down and smell the roses (or whatever they smell on their walks, I know what I smell).

■ A new goal has been set for the Ventura County Animal Shelter, aiming at setting the standards for which a dog or cat can be euthanized in order to reduce the number of animals that are euthanized. The goal was set as part of the merger of the Animal Services Department and the county Public Health Department.

Animal rights groups had been putting pressure on county supervisors who they feel have been moving too slowly towards the "no kill" policy. Former Director of the Animal Services Department, stated that 55 percent of cats (the lowest rate in the shelter's history) and 30 percent of dogs are euthanized.

I hope that Savana doesn't read this, she is very emotional.

■ A plan to fight panhandling and

animal shelter overcrowding in San Francisco will soon be in effect. The program, called WOOF: Wonderful Opportunities for Occupants and Fidos, will pair formerly homeless people with carefully screened and trained animals until permanent homes can be found for the animals. The "guardians" (San Franciscans look down on the words "pet" and "owner", as do I we are not owned) will receive weekly payments of \$50-75 and must agree to get rid of their cardboard signs. The program is the first of its kind in the country.

But can they have a sign that says "I will take care of your dog for food"?

■ The recent 15th Canine Adoption and Rescue League-sponsored Pooch Parade, held at San Buenaventura State Park celebrated us wonderful dogs while bringing attention to homeless animals with all of the wonderful rescue and adoption booths that were there.

The Rescue League adoption booth brought about 12 dogs, many of the people who attend the Pooch Parade are looking for dogs to adopt and have a wonderful time enjoying all of the wonderful events.

And many there were working to promote no-kill shelters such as the one located in Santa Paula, the Santa Paula Animal Rescue Center, which opened in June.



I think that Scamp is finally starting to like me (or he is sleeping and doesn't know that I am next to him).



Forever home wanted

Hi, I'm Shiro a sweet and playful Maltese/Chihuahua mix. My sisters have found their forever homes, but I'm still waiting for mine. Since I'm just a puppy, children in the home must be 6 years or older. Puppy Classes are a great way for me to socialize and learn right from wrong. We can bond as we learn new things together. I hope it's not long before I'm a cherished member of a loving family.

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



Scamp Club



Hi: I'm Tashi an 8 month old boy Lhasa Apso. I like to fetch things, take walks and play with paper bags. And, of course play with my buddy Scamp because we are first cousins.

Join Scamp Club

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

James and Susi Fields were all smiles at the Ventura County Animal Services' Pet Adopt-a-Thon which helped find homes for more than 75 animals on Saturday and Sunday, July 28 and 29, as the Ventura County Animal Services hosted the 8th annual Hugs, Slurps and Slobbers Pet Adopt-a-thon. This family-friendly yearly event featured fun, food, festivities and the chance to adopt a new furry or feathered best friend!

Throughout the day animal lovers stopped by the Camarillo Animal Shelter to peruse the dozens of cats, dogs, bunnies and chickens that were available for discounted adoptions

For information about Ventura County Animal Services, call 1-888-223-PETS or go to www.vcas.us

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.

Attempted Murder

On Friday, August 3rd, at 11:20 a.m., officers responded to the 300 block of West Ramona Street after Jose Orozco reported a subject had shot at him. Officers determined that Orozco was not injured. Orozco was involved in a confrontation with the suspect, Jesus Bernal, at a local liquor store over the sale of a personal item. During that argument, Orozco took back the item and returned to his residence.

Bernal drove to Orozco's residence and fired one round with a rifle from his vehicle, striking a garage.

On Sunday, August 5th, Orozco

located Bernal and his vehicle in the area of Dakota Drive and North Ventura Avenue. Bernal was arrested and transported to VC Jail.

Multiple Vehicle Vandalism

On Tuesday, August 7th, at 2:55 a.m., officers responded to the area of Carlos Street and Pasqual Avenue after a witness reported three suspects were seen vandalizing vehicle tires in the area. Officers located the three suspects and six victim vehicles with slashed tires.

The suspects, two male juveniles and Renwick Scissom, were responsible for the damage to the vehicle tires and all three were arrested. Scissom was booked into VC Jail. The 15 year old juvenile was found in possession of a concealed weapon. Both juveniles were released to their parents.

On Saturday, August 4th, there were 25 vehicles that had similar damage several blocks from this incident.

Stolen Vehicle Arrest

On Wednesday, August 8th, at 11:50 a.m., an officer observed a stolen silver Isuzu Rodeo traveling south on Victoria Avenue. The officer attempted an enforcement stop as it turned right onto Moon Drive.

Mark Gonzalez briefly yielded to the right and opened the driver's side door. The officer was attempting to contact the occupants of the vehicle when Gonzalez drove away leaving the driver's door open. Gonzalez turned into the Jack in the Box parking lot. Then, he fled on foot. Gonzalez ran into the Victorian Mobile Home Park where officers took him into custody.

Gonzalez was placed under arrest. Two additional occupants, Aaron Morua and Juan Arias, were also arrested at the scene. Morua was found to be in possession of a concealed weapon and Arias has outstanding warrants. All three

were booked into VC Jail.

Stabbing

On Wednesday, August 8th, at 11:00 p.m., officers responded to the 100 block of West Main Street regarding a stabbing victim. Officers found two separate stabbing victims, and another victim suffering from a head injury.

There had been an altercation between two groups of people at the Ventura County Fair. The two groups came across each other in a parking lot. An argument ensued and at some point, someone hit Levi Waugh over the head with a brick. Waugh sustained a gash behind his right ear.

Josh Frerichs was stabbed one time in the back. He sustained a serious but non-life threatening injury. Charela Ramirez sustained a severe laceration to her right hand.

Vehicle Extrication

On Thursday, August 9th, at 12:02

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a.m., fire units found a full size pick-up truck crushed underneath a semi truck trailer with a victim trapped inside. Fire units managed the medical care of the victim inside the truck with a firefighter paramedic, while at the same time controlled flammable vehicle fluids and extricated the victim trapped inside the truck. Firefighters removed the vehicle from the victim, peeling back a crumpled dashboard, steering column and removing the vehicle's passenger door.

As a result of the accident, one adult male victim was transported to a local trauma center for further medical assessment and treatment.

Shooting

On Friday, August 10th, at 4:36 a.m., the VPD received a call of gun shots heard in the 200 block of West Ramona Street. Officers were unable to locate anyone in the area or evidence of a shooting.

At about 5:55 a.m., the VPD received a call from a newspaper delivery person who advised he was shot at while delivering papers. The victim advised he was driving his vehicle, delivering papers when the suspect, who was on foot, began to shoot at the victim's vehicle. The victim thought the suspect also flashed a gang sign at the time.

The victim went back to the newspaper distribution center. He reported the incident to his supervisor and the police were notified. The victim and his two passengers were not injured.

Vehicle Accident

On Saturday, August 11th, at 12:07 a.m., VC Fire units were dispatched to a report of an overturned vehicle in a field. Further inspection revealed power lines draped across the vehicle.

The combination of the power lines on the vehicle and the sheared pole created a hazardous condition that kept Fire Fighters from reaching the accident victims.

With the power controlled, firefighters extricated the victims from the vehicle and moved a female passenger to a waiting ambulance. The male driver of the vehicle was uninjured, refusing treatment.

The female was transported to a local area hospital with moderate injuries for further evaluation and treatment. The cause of this accident remains under investigation.

Technical Rescue

On Monday, August 13th, at 9:53 a.m., Ventura City Firefighters were summoned to the 3rd floor of the Ventura Inn for a male in his 50's who had suffered a possible fractured leg and hip dislocation. The man was found incapacitated in his room and in severe pain. On scene personnel provided intravenous medications for pain. Rescuers estimated the patient's weight to be over 300 pounds.

Ventura Medic Truck Company 5 placed the patient in a technical rescue litter and used a combination of ropes and lifting to carefully lower the patient down a narrow stair well. The patient was transported to VCMC and is reported to be in stable condition.

Stabbing

On Sunday, August 12th, at 6:07 p.m., Christopher Evans arrived at the VCMC seeking treatment for several non-life threatening stab wounds. The officer assigned to the emergency room contacted Evans and learned that he had been involved in a physical altercation outside of his residence several hours before. Evans said the suspect stabbed him several times in the back and arm. The suspect fled the scene.

The suspect's name is being withheld

at this time pending further investigation.

Commercial Burglary Arrest

On Tuesday, August 14th, at 1:30 a.m., officers responded to an audible alarm at Peiranos Restaurant, located at 204 East Main Street. When the first Officer arrived, a door on the west side of the restaurant was found to have been shattered with an unknown object. Heath Woods exited the restaurant carrying property. Woods re-entered the restaurant and then exited a short time later. Officers attempted to stop him as he left the business however he did not comply and a foot pursuit ensued. Officers chased Woods to Palm Street where he was taken into custody.

Multiple Arsons Arrest

On Monday, August 13th, at 10:45 p.m., VC fire units were dispatched to multiple fires along Thompson Boulevard. A total of five fires were located within three quarters of a mile, from Figueroa Street to Hurst Street. The fires included two homeless encampments, two dumpster fires, and two vegetation fires. All fires were quickly extinguished.

A witness provided a description of a suspect who started the fire. Patrick Mcinenly was located in the area of Front Street and Kalorama Street.

It is unknown if Mcinenly was responsible for the multiple vegetation fires that occurred in the Ventura River Bottom. Mcinenly was also found to be in possession of property that had been recently stolen from a Ventura resident.

Office Fire

On Saturday, August 4th, 25 people were evacuated in the late morning hours from a local law office located at 5450 Telegraph Road when smoke began to fill their office space. Firefighters insured that all occupants were out of the building while locating the source of the smoke. The source of the smoke was found to be malfunctioning electrical equipment in a utility room. Firefighters were able to isolate and remove the burning equipment, controlling the fire and keeping it to the utility closet of origin.

Bank Robbery

On Thursday, August 16th, at about 3:50 pm the Ventura Police Department responded to a hold up alarm at the US Bank in the 6000 block of Telegraph Rd. located in the Von's grocery store.

The suspect (a Hispanic male, approximately 50 yrs, wearing a Lakers hat, red/white plaid shirt and khaki pants) entered the bank and presented a demand note to the teller. After reading the note the teller fearing for her safety and believing the suspect was possibly armed complied with his demands. After receiving an undisclosed amount of money the suspect fled the bank on foot. No weapon was seen and no one was injured during this crime.

The suspect's actions were caught on the banks' video surveillance system. The Ventura Police Department and FBI are investigating this crime, if there are any additional witnesses to this crime they are urged to contact the Ventura Police Department or the FBI.

The investigation into this incident is ongoing. Anyone with information related to this crime is urged to call the Ventura Police Department at 339-4343, or make an anonymous call to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477. If your information leads to an arrest, you could receive a cash reward of up to \$1,000.

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Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

7-30 3:05 p.m. PD reports that they are responding to an intoxicated man that has jumped off the pier. FCC has been notified. Patrol responded. Upon arrival, the man was on the beach with State Lifeguards.

8-2 2:35 p.m. Patrol observed a transient with a pit bull on a leash and a local boater with a dog off its leash. One minute later, Patrol heard a dog fight

and responded. The pit bull released the other dog, which ran away.

8-5 4:00 p.m. Patrol received a radio call of a sailboat with sailing at full speed near paddleboards and kayakers. One minute later, Patrol received several calls that the sailboat had run over a kayak with two people on board. Patrol responded, removed one injured kayaker from the water, and stopped the sailboat and directed it to a slip.

8-6 7:05 a.m. The Dockmaster reported a verbal dispute between fishermen at Harbor Village and requests Patrol's response. Patrol responded as did PD. The issue was over pay and that one person had entered the boat without

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Weekly SUDOKU

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King Crossword

Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Show Time

Where The Music Flows

Audio for August

by Michael Kohli

VenturaLiveWire@gmail.com

Listening to: "Guardian" by Alanis Morissette.

Bard & Rose CD release party

On August 31, Bard & Rose will put on a CD release party at Bombay Bar & Grill. Their new release is titled, "The Hips and Licks EP." Bard & Rose provides instant feel good jams that are thought-provoking. They provide very catchy hooks in the songs and are one of our county's most talented acts. The band features Yul Vianzon (vocals/guitar), Angelo Aquiler (keyboards), Guy Espinoza (bass), and Lionel Fernandez (drums). They have music featured on YouTube and they do have a Facebook page. I highly recommend seeing them live. They put on an amazing show! Joining the band in support of their release; Sun Kings and Pretty Wife will open the show. Congratulations to the band on their new music release!

Busy music day in Ventura on August 25.

Spencer Makenzie's, Pride Ventura, & Concert Art Show with Saint Pierre are all happening on August 25. Busy day on the scene. First, Spencer Makenzie's Block Party will feature 2 days of music on the 25th and 26th. Dirty Rice, Army Of Freshmen, New Liberty, The Pullmen, Alexandra And The Starlight Band are just among the many acts. Oh, and Dick Dale will honor us with a performance on August 26.

Then, we also have our annual LGBT event, Ventura County Pride at Mission Park on August 25. Featuring live music from We Govern We, Fearmia, Angie's Curse, Condewit, Hard Six and more. Drag performances, singers, and more surprises will be included. Free event and of course it's all ages. Put together by C.O.L.O.R. After party will also be held at Paddy's Ventura.

Also, two great bands, August Rising and All Natural Ingredients will perform at Yolie's in Ventura for Saint Pierre's Concert Art Show. August Rising is one of my very favorite local bands. Recently I've become friends with All Natural Ingredients as well. This will be another fun show. And there will be a 7pm and 9pm show.

Lita Ford coming to Canyon Club

Rock music legend, Lita Ford will make a stop at Canyon Club in Agoura Hills on October 4. Currently on tour with Poison and Def Leppard, Lita Ford recently released a new album, fittingly titled, "Living Like A Runaway", returning her to her rock roots. It's a very rock 'n roll album. Check it out!

Two on the Aisle

Tingly tale haunts basement theater

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

Do you enjoy a spine-tingling supernatural tale on a summer's evening? Then check out the current goings-on at the Petit Playhouse, home of the Elite Theatre Company. The intimate Playhouse is located in the basement of the Petit mansion, a restored Victorian home in Oxnard's Heritage Square. You'll find

it's the perfect site to view the chilling tale of *The Woman in Black*.

The Woman in Black has been unnerving audiences in London's famed West End theater district since 1989. Adapted from the novel of the same name, the play has become England's longest running non-musical stage play, overtaking the previous record-holder, Agatha Christie's *The Mousetrap*. The play recently became a film starring Daniel Radcliff of Harry Potter fame.

It's a clever tale full of surprises and suspense. Set at the start of the twentieth century in England, the story concerns a young lawyer, Arthur Kipp. He is sent to wind up the affairs of a recently deceased woman who led a reclusive life in a remote and mysterious house in the north. He discovers he can't count on help from the locals. They won't go near the house because they believe it is cursed!

Years later, and this is where the play actually begins, Kipp recounts his ghastly experiences with the aid of an actor/director that he hires to help him prepare his story for telling to family and friends in a desperate bid to exorcise the ghosts of the past.

From the moment you enter the Petit Playhouse's subterranean setting the mood is somber. No pre-show music. No fancy setting. The stage is draped, dusty and dimly-lit. The show uses minimal scenery, relying on the actors to stage the story.

The entire chronicle is told by only two actors who play all the necessary characters to move the story along. Following the performers' multiple roles requires some concentration as they weave their spooky tale. There is a third character – the phantom and mysteriously malevolent Woman in Black (Debbie Price). She has no lines, but nonetheless is an integral part of the action throughout.

Director Tom Eubanks has placed veteran actor Terry Fishman in the key role of Kipp, the beleaguered man whose tale must be told. Opposite him is Curtis Cline. Together they are tightly meshed and polished. Fishman's multiple voices for different characters is masterful and Cline's character consistency builds to a stunning crescendo. Making full use of the small performance space, at times Eubanks has the actors speak their lines in the aisles, outside of the audience's view, which adds to the spooky effect.

The play requires precise pre-recorded sound effects which are executed to near perfection by Chris Alton and Akira Dann. Costuming by Beth Glasner is representative of the era and adds just enough to visually take the audience back in time.

Bring a light jacket – the chill in the air, as well as in the story, may produce shivers.

The Woman in Black plays until September 16 at the Elite Theatre Company, 730 South B St., Oxnard. Fridays at 8:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults \$17, Seniors and students \$15. www.EliteTheatre.org or (805) 483-5118 for reservations.

The Entertainment Report

Silver screen

by Linde Carlson

Hello Ventura, here are my picks of the week.



Hope Springs

After thirty years of marriage, routine, and sleeping in separate bedrooms has created an estrangement

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Dumbstruck

Reviewed by Lorenzo DeStefano

Ventura Film Society

Dumbstruck (Tuesday Sept. 4 @ 7:15pm) is a funny, touching and richly human film about ventriloquists. At the annual Vent Haven Convention in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky, ventriloquism capital of the world, director Mark Goffman discovers five extraordinary characters, an endearing ensemble attempting to achieve their dreams of making it in the oddball wonderland known as Middle America. Their form of entertainment, dating back to ancient times, was originally a religious practice. The name "ventriloquism" comes from the Latin "venter" (belly) and "loqui" (speak), or "to speak from the stomach". The noises produced were

between husband and wife Kay and Arnold. Kay (Meryl Streep) feels disconnected emotionally, and physically from her grumpy husband Arnold (Tommy Lee Jones) and plans a get away to the eastern coast of Maine; albeit a week long therapy session led by a well known sex and relationship expert Dr. Feld (Steve Carrell).

Arguably, the idea proposed to skeptical and uncommunicative hubby goes against everything Arnold believes in, he's old fashioned, private and fighting her tooth and nail to not go. Reluctantly he goes, but not without a fight.

Steve Carrell plays a very matter-of-fact, serious therapist who just observes with questions and blank stares for the most part, un-nerved by their quandary. Once at the session, Dr. Feld proposes some experiments to find out why their affection has taken a back seat to their relationship. Asked to conduct an experiment, stiff and unmoved, Arnold has trouble finding his mojo and the pair behaves like strangers on a blind date.

First of all, we are talking about two seasoned, Academy Award winning actors with no lines to be drawn on their talents. They are so out of the box hysterical as we watch these middle aged, awkward pair try to find a comfort zone with each other. Not to mention the embarrassing experiments they are asked to perform; confessing their sexual hang-ups and being asked to try some kinky moves, although funny to watch, for some viewers it may pose some uncomfortable moments.

In this dramedy, the characters are believable beyond any doubt. Emotional at times, one really feels an affinity with Kay, and can relate with some of the typical behaviors of a man reaching his mid sixties. Love is work and in this film you surely see the effects of that reality.

I loved the film. Entertaining and thought provoking.
Rated PG-13 (which I'm very surprised)
Running time 100 minutes



Ruby Sparks

A real surprise! Brilliantly written by Zoe Kazan (Yale educated and granddaughter of Elia Kazan) also playing the role as Ruby.

Ruby Sparks is about Calvin Weir-Fields, played by Paul Dano, who first published a book ten years prior, a celebrity in the authors circle, but writers block and a loss of inspiration puts him

thought to be the voices of the unliving, who took up residence inside the ventriloquist. A form of performance art too often disregarded and disrespected, this delightful, it's-all-true documentary celebrates these modern practitioners whose skills are uncanny and whose emotional attachment to their "dummies" is uncomfortably/charmingly real, and vice versa. Sponsored by Michael Hogan, M.D. and Roz Warner, M.D. Filmmakers and very special guest will attend.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present *Dumbstruck*, the 15th of 21 feature films screening @ 7:15pm on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays through December 4, 2012. Our new venue is located at 420 E. Santa Clara. Screening, Membership & Advance Ticket Information – www.venturafilmsociety.com / (805) 628-2299 / venturafilmsociety@gmail.com.

in the literary dead zone until one day he is re-inspired and creates a character based on the woman of his dreams.

Calvin awakes one morning to find "Ruby" is a real life girl, seemingly living in his apartment. Confused and convinced he is imagining all of this, taking him a while to process.

Calvin soon realizes that whatever he writes manifests the actions of Ruby, controlling her every move.

In this winning script, the concept of this film is unique and refreshing. Mysterious and amusing, the performances are engaging and charming.

I loved the film, and loved the ending! Not to be missed!

Rated R Running time 104 minutes

Music Calendar 8/22 to 9/4

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

Amigos Cafe & Cantina

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

Wed 8/22 - Brian Nicolett (From 3 Man Weave)

Thur 8/23 - Jah Mon Soul

Fri 8/24 - Alastair Green

Sat 8/25 - The Bomb

Sun 8/26 - Preston Smith

Wed 8/29 - Brian Nicolett (From 3 Man Weave)

Thur 8/30 - Forbidden Fruit

Fri 8/31 - Mezcal Martini

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

Open Mic/Jam Night with "Shure Thing" every Mon 6-9pm

Blue Grass Jam featuring: The Bottom Feeders every Thur 6-9pm

Acoustic Jams with "Ken Kong" every Fri, Sat & Sun 12pm

Fri 8/24 - Brian Faith Band 7-11pm

Sat 8/25 - Magnificent Bastards 6-10pm

Sun 8/26 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Fri 8/31 - Live Bait 7-11pm

Sat 9/1 - Fish Fry 6-10pm

Sun 9/2 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Bombay Bar & Grill

143 S. California St., 805-643-4404

Local Live Music every Thur, Fri & Sat

Afternoon Concerts every Sun 4pm

Thur 8/23 - Raw Show

Fri 8/24 - Nel's B-Day Party featuring

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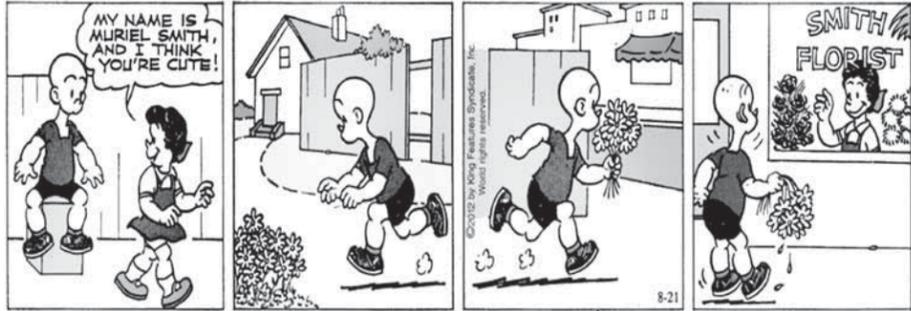
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Lighter Breeze

Hi and Lois



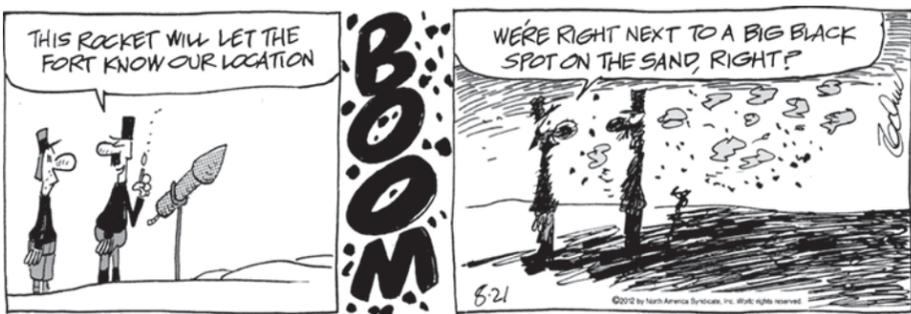
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The Brilliant Mind of Edison Lee



Crock



Shoe



Moose and Molly



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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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Solutions on page 15

King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Padlocked fastener
- 5 Pigpen
- 8 Human heart, basically
- 12 Always
- 13 Before
- 14 Sandwich cookie
- 15 Note from the boss
- 16 Staff with robots?
- 18 Ape, e.g.
- 20 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 21 — de deux
- 22 Same (Pref.)
- 23 Verbalizes, Biblically
- 26 Weather conditions
- 30 White wine aperitif
- 31 Stir-fry pan
- 32 Trotted
- 33 Mosque leader's office
- 36 "The Silence of the —"
- 38 "— Impossible"
- 39 Help
- 40 Thingamajig (Var.)
- 43 Enliven
- 47 Quite close
- 49 "American —"
- 50 Gangster's

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- 9 Caspian Sea feeder
- 10 Transcending (Pref.)
- 11 Versifier
- 17 Bone (Pref.)
- 19 Backrub response
- 22 Sort
- 23 Enjoy Aspen
- 24 Intention
- 25 Playwright Levin
- 26 Miler Sebastian
- 27 Branch
- 28 Bill
- 29 Type measures
- 31 Lbs., ozs., et al.
- 34 Acting out wordlessly
- 35 Teeny bit
- 36 Roman 52
- 37 Put on a pedestal
- 39 Regarding Showbiz jobs
- 41 Part of the loop
- 42 Old portico
- 43 On
- 44 Commotions
- 45 It may be painted red
- 46 Otherwise
- 48 Oklahoma city

DOWN

- 1 Rope fiber
- 2 State with conviction
- 3 Big truck
- 4 On time
- 5 Airplane furniture
- 6 Verifiable
- 7 Nevertheless
- 8 Cheerleader's prop

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) This week could offer more opportunities for ambitious Lambs eager to get ahead. But don't rush into making decisions until you've checked for possible hidden problems.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Some light begins to shine on professional and/or personal situations that have long eluded explanation. Best advice: Don't rush things. All will be made clear in time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although you might want to protest what seems to be an unfair situation, it's best to keep your tongue and temper in check for now. The full story hasn't yet come out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Work prospects are back on track. But watch what you say. A thoughtless comment to the wrong person — even if it's said in jest — could delay or even derail your progress.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A colleague might try to goad you into saying or doing the wrong thing. It's best to ignore the troublemaker, even if he or she riles your royal self. Your supporters stand with you.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Be careful not to let your on-the-job zealotry create resentment with co-workers who might feel you shut them out. Prove them wrong by including them in your project.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Although it's not quite what you hoped for, use your good business sense to make the most of what you're being offered at this time. Things will improve down the line.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A more positive picture of what lies ahead is beginning to take shape. But there are still too many gaps that need to be filled in before you make definitive plans.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Continue to keep a tight hold on the reins so that you don't charge willy-nilly into a situation that might appear attractive on the surface but lack substance.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You still need to demand those answers to your questions. Remember, your wise counseling earns you respect, but it's your search for truth that gives you wisdom.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You'll find that people are happy to help you deal with some difficult situations. And, of course, knowing you, you'll be happy to return those favors anytime. Won't you?

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Give that special someone in your personal life a large, loving dollop of reassurance. That will go a long way toward restoring the well-being of your ailing relationship.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are a delightful paradox. You like things neat and tidy. But you're also a wonderful host who can throw a really great party.

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Music Calendar

Music calendar

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Sat 8/25 - Big Dictator, Dr. M
Sun 8/26 - House Arrest 4pm, Electro Shock 9pm
Thur 8/30 - Ides of Gemini, Sutratma, Crimson Scarlett

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

Sat 8/25 - Burlesque Jambor Tease 9pm, Rocky Horror Picture Show 11:59pm
Sun 8/26 - Wierd Al Yankovic 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
Ventura County Blues Society Jam session hosted by Tommy Marsh every Wed 8pm
Thur 8/23 - The Train Hoppers 9pm
Fri 8/24 - Three Man Weave 9pm
Sat 8/25 - The Gardners 9pm
Thur 8/30 - Rich Sheldon 9pm
Fri 8/31 - Aloha Radio 8pm,
VC Buzz Electronic Showcase Bands 9pm

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 Tue
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 8/23 - Shawn Acoustic Trio
Fri 8/24 - Legalizers
Sat 8/25 - Orlando Napier
Sun 8/26 - Shoemaker Brothers
Thur 8/30 - Kristen Lee
Fri 8/31 - Bomb
Sat 9/1 - Bombers Rythm Section
Sun 9/2 - ADD

Yolies/Hi Hat Entertainment

138 W. Main St., 805-816-9663

Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri 8pm
Fri 8/24 - Donna Oxford (R&B)
Fri 8/31 - Carl Sonny Leyland Trio (Ragtime Boogie Woogie)

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 8/22 - Davey Miller presents A Night of Jazz with August Residency 8pm

Thur 8/23 - Naia Kete, Angel Taylor (Soul, Pop, Reggae) 8pm

Fri 8/24 - Josh Damigo, Jade Hendrix, Kori Withers (Soul, Pop, Folk) 8pm
Sat 8/25 - Jay Nash & Freinds Featuring Garrison Starr 8pm
Tue 8/28 - Blue Grass Jam 6pm
Wed 8/29 - Davey Miller presents A Night of Jazz with August Residency 8pm
Fri 8/31 - King Washington 8pm
Sat 9/1 - The White Buffalo (Folk, Rock, Wild West) 8pm

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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permission. PD resolved the immediate dispute and advised the parties to seek resolution through civil courts.

8-10 6:46 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a water rescue for a person that jumped off Ventura Pier. Upon arrival, Patrol found the man clinging to a piling. Patrol got him on a paddleboard and aboard the Patrol boat.

8-14 6:30 p.m. Patrol received a report that a Honda Element had rolled down the launch ramp and is floating away. Patrol responded. The vehicle occupants had paddled into the Harbor.

8-17 9:21 p.m. FCC dispatched FD to a smoke investigation in the Santa Clara River. FD requested Patrol transport them to River Haven. Patrol transported FD personnel, who then walked in the rest of the way and took a separate route out.

9:41 p.m. PD reports a woman jumped off the Ventura Pier. Patrol responded by vessel and responded. Upon arrival, the victim was being assisted by an FD Water Rescuer. Patrol transported both

Business

of them to the beach.

Players Casino

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yet, it is the only casino in Ventura County, featuring poker tournaments, blackjack and soon to be baccarat. "The Patio" will be offering dishes from chef West Cooke, a fourth generation native Venturan and restaurateur. The restaurant will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Please check the Players Casino website, www.pcventura.com, to view the menu. They are located at 6580 Auto Center Dr. (in the Auto Center) and can be reached at 643-1392.

The Refill Shoppe has relocated

The Refill Shoppe, an eco-conscious store, that offers quality bath, body, home and cleaning liquids in bulk so that customers can fill or refill their own containers has relocated to new larger downtown location at 362 E. Main Street. The shop offers products that are unscented so that customers can customize with essential oils and fragrances such as lavender, tea tree, lemon, wild orange, chamomile, sage and many others. Shop owner, Michelle Stevens, claims that her store fulfills the three R's by reducing trash in our landfills and reusing and refilling containers in pretty bottles.

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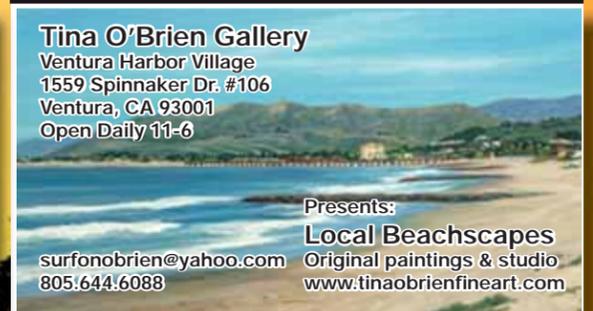
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Art Scene



Staci and Breezy were there, so can you!

Drink just enough wine to get your artistic talents flowing

Join the Red Brick Gallery for a new and unique social event with an artistic twist, for their Wine Tasting-Painting Party the first Friday of every month from 6-8:30 pm. You'll enjoy "uncorking" your creative spirits as the pleasurable combinations of wine, painting and fun come together.

The Breeze's own Breezy (no kidding) Gledhill (back row second from the left) and Staci Brown (back row fourth from the left) were there on Aug. 3 and had just enough wine to get a peek into their inner creative artist and to produce some outstanding art work. Next they are

going to try it without the wine.

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 and Wine Catered by Labyrinth Wine Cellars, downtown Ventura's Newest Boutique Micro-Winery.

So join in on the fun on Friday, September 7th, 6-8:30pm for "Whimsical 2 Trees".

Red Brick is located at 315 Main Street, 643-6400.

Grant program for artists accepting applications

The 2012 Gerd Koch and Carole Milton grant program for professional Ventura County visual artists is now accepting applications.

This groundbreaking grants program, now in its second year, is accepting applications for the 2012 round of grants. Conceived by the artists for whom it is named, a grant of \$3,000 each will be awarded to two Ventura County professional visual artists at a reception on Saturday, October 3.

Professional Ventura County artists who live in Ventura County or who are advanced faculty members of a Ventura County college or university are invited to submit applications to the grant program. Applications are available on the Ventura County Arts Council web site www.venturacountyartscouncil.org, or by contacting info@venturacountyartscouncil.org or 658-2213. A grant can be awarded in recognition of a lifetime career or a career of 4-5 years of professional art making. Advanced education faculty members are welcome to apply. There is no residency time restriction.

A distinguished panel of jurors comprised of internationally recognized arts professionals will review all applications and select the grantees.

Applications must be submitted by 5:00pm, Tuesday, September 4, to the Ventura County Arts Council, 646 County Square Drive, Suite 154, Ventura, CA 93003-0436. An application fee of \$15 must accompany the application packet.

Art Day in the Harbor

Harbor Village Gallery and The Ventura Co. Potters' Guild Pottery Gallery are sponsoring Art Day in the Harbor, Sunday, August 26th, 10:00 – 4:00 PM at Ventura Harbor Village. Harbor Village Gallery will be sponsoring a display of car and vehicle art in the breezeway as well as inside the gallery. Also included will be artisan displays of jewelry, cards, etc. made by local artist members of the Buenaventura Art Association, and our visiting artists. The Association is promoting a special sale of the last of the 2012 BAA calendars for \$5 each, with all proceeds going towards their college art students scholarship fund.

Master Potter, Larry Carnes, will be demonstrating the art of the potter's wheel and showing a collection of his sculptures. Any purchases of his "Chumash Stone" line of work will have a percentage donated to the local tribe to help pay property taxes.

For more information, call 985-5038.

Art, a la Carte



The Tool Room Gallery presents *ÁREA Intangible*, an exhibit that showcases contemporary Latin American artists in Ventura. *Area Intangible* by Carlos Grasso, Guillermo Figoli, Andrea Vargas, and Robert Hanna. The show will be on exhibit at the Tool Room Gallery at Bell Arts Factory, 432 N. Ventura Ave. from Sept. 7 – Sept. 28. There will be an artist's reception from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Sept. 7.

For more information contact the curator Ricardo Rodriguez info@toolroomgallery.com or 643-1960.



The Maya culture of yesterday enlightens us today in Richard Flores' exhibition of contemporary ceramic vessels at the Museum of Ventura County. *Social Resurrection: Ceramics by Richard Flores* opens Sept. 1 and runs through Nov. 25.

Flores, an artist and studio arts professor, brings the ritual vessels of the Maya into the present day. The recently completed exhibit pieces are based upon the teachings and spiritual messages that guided life for the ancient Maya. Flores works in ceramics, glass, and sculpture, and divides his time between Ojai and the College of the Sequoias in Visalia, where he is the three-dimensional studio arts professor.

Apostolina Beirne, who worked together at the Buenaventura Gallery a decade ago as office manager and marketing manager, respectively, will present "Ventura to San Francisco: Two Views" through Oct. 6. Both artists will be at an opening reception 4-7 p.m. Sept. 15, as well as First Friday, Oct. 5 in the downtown Ventura gallery.

Each has been studying and creating art since childhood and both hold bachelor of art degrees in studio art, McGuire from the University of New Mexico and Beirne from California State University, Channel Islands.



An evening with Michael Cullen Todd will be held August 28, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Comedy Club at the Ventura Harbor

Michael Cullen Todd's biography abounds with accolades: Woodrow Wilson and Fulbright Fellowships and exhibits in major galleries throughout the US.

Reserve your seat today for Donna Granata's interview with Michael Cullen Todd.

To learn more about Michael Cullen Todd visit: www.MichaelToddSculpture.com.

Admission is free for FOTM members; general admission \$10, students and seniors \$5. No one under 21 years permitted. RSVP at 653.2501 or at www.FocusOnTheMasters.com

And after the show join in for an intimate dinner at the home of Karen Hoffberg located in the Ventura Keys immediately following the interview.

The dinner is \$20 for FOTM members, \$30 for non-members. AfterGLOW seating is limited. Paid reservations are essential and required prior to August 25. Purchase tickets online at FocusontheMasters.com or by calling 653.2501.



Marina Motel – 14" x 11" oil on board by Christine Apostolina Beirne.

Two plein-air painters' friendship and their long-distance collaboration are yielding a joint exhibition starting Sept. 11 at the Buenaventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St., which is open 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.

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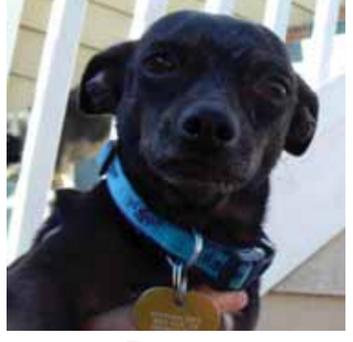
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