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Vagrant encampments start another fire in the river bottom.

Vagrant encampment reveals valuables

Early Thursday morning, on June 20 once again a vagrant encampment went ablaze in the Ventura River Bottom. Ventura City Fire Department's first

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Rincon will be sending nearly 115 of these volleyball players to an annual Volleyball Festival.

Building Champions in Volleyball and in Life

The opening of Rincon Volleyball Club in 2010 was a long anticipated event. Perhaps you could say it was Director Jack Richards' vision. Coming from more than 20 years' experience of directing and coaching a former Ventura

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The First Felix 'n Fido Bring Me Home Adoption Festival *held on Saturday, June 22, in the Ventura Harbor was a huge success, with many animals being adopted. They were first shown off on a red carpet runway to strut their stuff. To learn more about this event read Scamp's column on page 14.*

Recently Sal Flores took his "boxing kids" to a Dodger game and was joined by Chief of Police Ken Corney.

Former gang member now changing lives and décor

by Sheli Ellsworth

Sal Flores restores sofas, chairs, car seats and motor homes. He also likes to restore lives and Flores knows something about the rehab of people. He has experienced it firsthand. He was arrested the first time when he was 12 years old for vandalism. Some might say he was a late bloomer since he had been a gang member since he was eleven. "The Ventura Avenue Gangsters became my family. They wanted me there, which was more than I had at home," says Flores. "I was in juvenile detention probably ten times as a minor. It wasn't until I did 16 months in state prison as an adult, did I start to figure it out." According to Flores, there is a point when offenders are sent to jail that they make a decision. "You either decide to get out of the gang

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Mayor Mike Tracy (AKA Ms. Ventura) and Ms. California enjoying another beautiful day in paradise. Photo by Richard Lieberman.

Ventura transplant crowned Ms. California

by Richard Lieberman

Christina Meredith a Ventura transplant and current resident, has won the Miss California United States pageant. Pageant judges crowned Meredith April 13th at Constitution Park in Camarillo. She will compete for the national title this July in Washington D.C.

Meredith, born and raised in Florida, along with her seven brothers and sisters, has a different story than most beauty pageant contestants. Soon after 8th grade Meredith was sent to live with relatives after suffering long stints of neglect, physical and sexual abuse at home; the department of family services eventually removed Meredith and her siblings from their home. They were placed in Florida's foster care program where she stayed until reaching the age of 18.

Soon after she "aged out" of the foster care program, with no support and no one to turn to, she ended up homeless, living in her car. She lived in her car for nearly a year. "I remember just being able to take a shower somewhere was just a wonderful feeling" she finally ended her journey arriving in California and eventually settling in Ventura.

The adversity, the difficulty and her misfortune has left her with a desire to aid other young girls and young women in similar situations. With that goal in mind Meredith is working on creating a non-profit organization to help those in need.

"It feels so amazing to have actually won the title, and now the pageant has given me the opportunity to speak to young girls who may be having similar problems at home" said Meredith, she is now working on a book she hopes to have published about her experiences

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NEWS TALK 1590 KVTA

Lyn Fairly and Friends, Saturday 12-1pm
I am pleased to be the hostess of the "Lyn Fairly and Friends" show . Listen for opportunities this summer to win tickets to lots of amazing events, parties, art exhibits, films and lectures. Every other week on the "Legal Clarity" segment we tell you about all the hot topics the Supreme Court is debating. We remind you of your constitutional rights and take calls to hear your side of the debates. Every show we thanks a veteran and their families for the sacrifices they have made for those freedoms Find me on Facebook/Lyn Fairly and message me on any topic you please.

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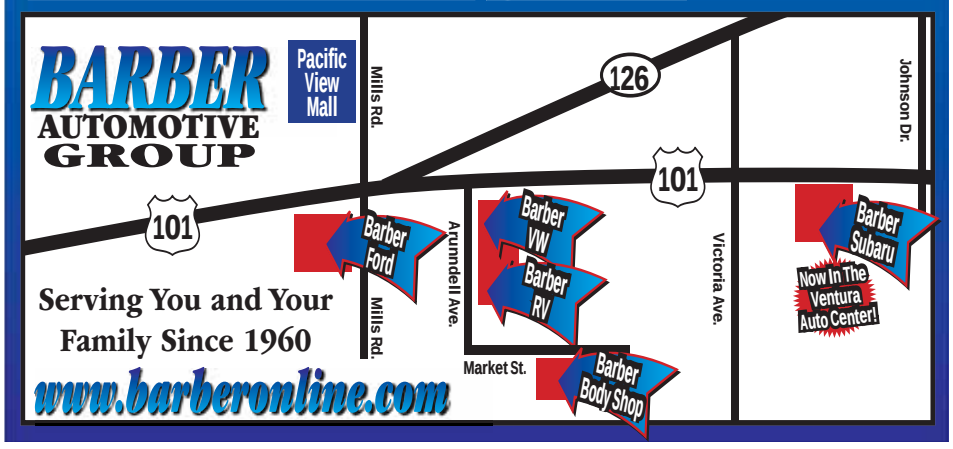

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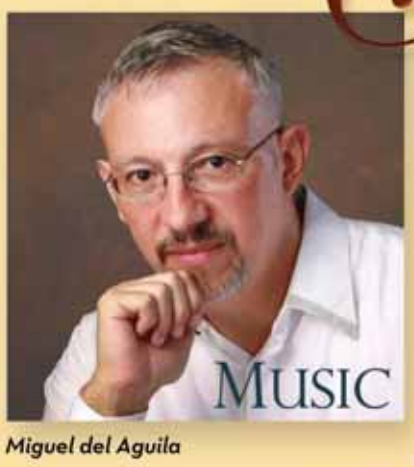
A live multi-media performance featuring the **Ventura County Ballet DAnce ART Ensemble** and a West Coast premiere concert by **Miguel del Aguila**

Gerd Koch

Convergence

and **Yue Deng**. During the performance a survey of paintings by ArtWalk Artist of Distinction and FOTM Documented Artist **Gerd Koch** will be projected onto the dancers.



Miguel del Aguila

DAnce ART Members pictured: Malindi Walker, Victoria Smith, & Madeline Offerman

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Ventura water

by Max Saucedo

The Ventura City council has recently begun the implementation process for a lengthy Capital Improvement Plan. This effort, intended to renew and improve future and current projects to improve water and wastewater facilities, has come from the result of years of careful planning, measuring of costs and balances, as well as the need for it based on population growth. This effort is supported entirely by rates paid by the citizens. New methods are needed in order not to cause tax hikes over water as well as keeping up the quality service to the people of Ventura.

Water: Take 1 Online Short Film Contest is now in its second year, having opened on World Water Day, March 22, by Ventura Water and partners, Patagonia, and iThentic. The films discuss the issue of water of all genres; all have a possibility of winning the $1,500 Grand Prize, to be hosted at the Brooks Institute of Photography. The contest will end on September 3, 2013 and will include multiple prizes including, audience choice award, best student short film award, and the new Ventura vision award.

Awards week continued as Ventura Water collaborating with Pasteurization Technology Group (PTG) and Carollo Engineers were awarded Project of the Year-Medium while at the 2013 Water Reuse California Annual Conference recognizing Ventura's demonstration project using new pasteurization to clean up waste water. Through the use of heat and the combination of wastewater disinfectant, the project has been projected to save $3 million over the next 20-year period in life cycle costs.

The process began 3 years ago, with Ventura Water installing a small PTG pasteurization unit after being approved for use in wastewater disinfectant. The unit was installed in late 2011 and proceeded to disinfect 500,000 gallons, and now that the testing phase has been completed Ventura Water and Carollo Engineers are reevaluating costs, and preparing for full implementation of this product for mass use on all facilities.

While the success of the pasteurization unit may or not mean cheaper water prices in the city of Ventura, the ideas and methods being explored by the city certainly show the careful thought process the city undergoes in order to cut the costs of water.

Ventura City Hall Centennial celebration

In celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the beautiful and historic San Buenaventura City Hall building at 501 Poli Street (originally built as the Ventura County Courthouse), the public is invited to take part in the centennial's many commemorative festivities.

Ventura's 4th of July Street Fair continues its proud 38-year-old tradition on Thursday, July 4, from 10 am to 5 pm in Ventura's Downtown Cultural District. The Independence Day event regularly draws 30,000 residents and visitors in a showcase of handmade arts and crafts by more than 300 artisans along 9 blocks of Main Street from Fir Street to Mission Park, plus environmental displays, children's activities, savory foods from booths sponsored by local organizations and businesses and many stages of live entertainment. Information online at www.cityofventura.net/streetfairs

July 4 & 25 Ventura City Hall Tours, 11am-4pm: achitecture and ghost tours about the building and its Municipal Art Collection (MAC). Receive a special commemorative gift magnet while supplies last (free).

July 15-19 Summer Art Camp, 9am-12pm: Students age 9-14 years create artworks inspired by City Hall's architecture and art with Focus on the Masters, meet MAC artists and study various art forms in the Atrium. Register: $150 at 658.4726 or www.cityofventura.net/recreation.

July 18 Dinner at the City, 5pm: Purchase tickets ($135 per person) for an elegant feast hosted by Totally Local VC as a benefit for Future Farmers of America on City Hall's expansive front lawn at www.totallylocalvc.com

July 25 Open House, 11am-4pm: Experience Ventura City Hall at work and attend:

2pm: Historic Preservation Workshop: The Architectural Terra Cotta of City Hall sponsored by City of Ventura Community Development, presented by Gary Kurutz.

4pm: City Hall Centennial Sculpture unveiled & Time Capsule sealed followed by birthday cake and refreshments sponsored by the City of Ventura Public Art Program

More info about these events can be found at www.cityofventura.net/cityhallcentennial.

City News

Former gang member changing lives

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lifestyle or you embrace it."

Alcohol played a role in Flores' downward spiral. "I started to drink when I was eight years old. At parties, I'd drink beer left unattended. Once I joined the gang, I had access to as much alcohol as I wanted. My own dad died of cirrhosis of the liver and at 22 years old I was throwing up blood." Flores has not had a drop of alcohol in 15 years and he is certain that good parenting is one of the most important ways to avoid gang membership. "I'd miss three months of school a year and no one said anything, from grades 9-11 I was in juvenile hall."

If you doubt whether Flores was ever a hardened gang member, he will be happy to pull down his lower lip and show you the gang insignia tattooed on the inside. How did Flores get from gang banger to upholsterer? "One day when I was shackled in a prisoner transport van, I saw a family driving beside us in a car like one I had owned—a mom and dad with two kids. I realized right then and there that I was never going to have that—that family life—unless I changed. After Flores decided he needed God in his life, his brother told him about an upholstery shop that was for sale. "My wife thought I was crazy. She said, 'You don't know anything about upholstery.' But I was always good with my hands and decided to take a leap of faith and buy this business." Flores has owned Ideal Upholstery at 1800 E. Thompson for 14 years and now uses his creative side for lawful activity. "I always knew I had a debt to pay in exchange for my own recovery."

"My son and I were at Westpark Community Center. I asked them about the boxing ring that was not being used. It had been closed for three years. I had boxed there as a kid. They said that my son and I were welcome to work out there. So he and I would go in and work out and spar. Before long, we had an audience. Kids were asking me if they could try out the equipment. 'Can we box?' they would ask." Flores has volunteered for a year and a half and now mentors about 40 kids mostly 7-18 yrs old through the Police Activity League (PAL) boxing program. About half of them are girls. "Many of them have older brothers and sisters who are gang members. I can tell that these kids are on the precipice of making decisions that will decide the course of their life. If I can just be there as a role model, it's enough. The kids ask me questions about my gang days and I don't sugar coat it, but mostly I try to set an example and just be there for them. The boxing is just a tool."

"I used to hate policemen," says Flores. "My first three arrests were by Ken Corney, who was head of the gang task force and now is the Chief of Police. He cared enough to keep track of me through the years and give me encouragement. Now, he's my mentor." We have two great cops who volunteer to work with the kids and most of my friends are cops." This summer Flores finishes his pastoral degree and becomes a minister.

Vagrant encampment

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arriving engine companies made access on the running trail adjacent to the Union Pacific train trestle and reported a half acre fire burning in heavy brush, trees, and Arundo. Firefighters attempted to make access to the location but were thwarted by water surrounding an island in the middle of the riverbed.

Immediate action was performed to put out spot fires from spreading fire brands near the fairgrounds while protection of the train trestle became a first priority. There was no evidence of anyone on the island so immediate rescue was not necessary. Rail lines were shut down for approximately one hour.

As daylight became available, Cal Fire hand-crews cut an access path to the island and Ventura County Fire Department hand-crews made access using a makeshift barge to shuttle back and forth to the island. The fire consumed approximately 5 acres and consumed nearly 90% of the island.

Upon survey of the island, a vagrant encampment revealed numerous valuable bicycles and other items that were recovered by the Ventura City Police Department. Controlling the encampments is a perpetual effort to address vagrant living in the Ventura River.

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Opinion/Editorial

Sheldon (Governor) Brown
Publisher

■ Scamp has nice coverage of the First Felix 'n Fido "Bring Me Home" Adoption Festival held on Saturday in the Harbor presented by the Ventura Breeze, Professor Scamp and CABODOGZ .

Attendee Barbara Hinton told me "We enjoyed ourselves at the event. I see lots of potential for future years! It was fun to see Dawn there doing chalkart too. Good job putting it all together. Great to hear there were some adoptions."

And attendee Es Cole summed up the event best by saying "Congratulations to Cabodogz and the Breeze for producing a joyous and soul-satisfying pet adoption festival. The air bristled with fun and love and laughter. The people were almost as cute and well-behaved as their furry cousins. I hope this is the beginning of a wonderful tradition."

And she is correct it went very well for our first ever event and I look forward to future ones (and the great weather).

Artist Cheryl Gooss (*Captured On Canvas-The Rescue Collection* featured in the Breeze) showed her work there and donated an original dog painting as part of the raffle that we had, said, "Thank you to Mindy of Cabodogz and Sheldon Brown of the Ventura Breeze for sponsoring the 1st Annual Felix & Fido Bring Me Home Adoption Festival! Great job! 15+ lucky dogs and cats found their forever homes!"

I would like to personally thank the following that Scamp may have missed:

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Dawn Reily for sitting on the concrete for hours doing a dog chalkart (photo in a future issue)
Ventura High intern Gina Randazzo for lending a helping hand
Robert Barrett for videotaping the event and Carman for narrating (I will let you know when you can see it)
Phyllis of Red Brick Gallery for also donating an original dog painting as part of the raffle
Scamp for his help in planning this
Cheryl Gooss
Ventura Highway Luxury Boarding For Dogs
Naturally for Paws
The Rolling Pet Vet
Aloha Grooming

Also Joneane and James of Hatter's Tea for a great performance and emcee, and Annie Thompson for starting out the show singing love songs to dogs (and even the cats enjoyed her singing)

And anyone else that I may have forgotten who generously donated goods, their time and services to make this event a huge success.

The always omnipresent Baker girls, Ana and Izzy were at the Adoption Festival doing their face painting at the Ventura Breeze booth. Husband Jaime was also there doing his wonderful "Way Outta Line" caricatures. Can't thank them enough for the contribution that they make to the Breeze and to me personally, a great family.

■ And speaking about Christina Meredith she will be traveling to Washington DC on July 1st to compete with contestants from all over the country for the national title. If you would like to support Christina, you may also contribute to help her achieve her goals by visiting www.gofundme.com/msunited states2013.

■ Even though Ventura Muffler & Brake Center (150 W. Main) might be known for their muffler services they do all automotive work and I just recently had brakes put on one of our cars and they did an outstanding job and were very accommodating.

■ Recently a divided Ventura City Council adopted a water supply-and-demand report that could guide decisions about future city growth.

Voting 5-2, the council approved the Comprehensive Water Resource Report. The report sets very basic baselines for development demands on Ventura's water supply and does call for yearly updates.

Council members Neal Andrews and Jim Monahan voted not to accept the report. Both thought that the report appeared to exaggerate consumption rates which could be used against any future development in Ventura.

Andrews said, "I think the demand rate is high and the supply numbers crude. I think this will be used as a political bludgeon against growth."

But Councilmember Carl Morehouse disagreed: "The bigger problem is we haven't been doing any monitoring, and that is more frightening. We need to be tracking the consumption on a yearly basis, which the report calls for."

Christy Weir agreed with Carl: "This is something we absolutely need to monitor; our water is essential, and it's kind of disturbing we haven't done this before in our planning process. Water is a constraint on our growth, whether we like it or not."

I certainly hope that a longer contract will be awarded them next year because their new Executive Director Marlyss Munguia Auster has brought a new vitality to the Bureau and I see only good things coming from them in promoting Ventura.

■ The City Council has voted to purchase the remaining parcel of the empty lot located at Ventura Avenue and Kellogg Street that will be the future neighborhood park and now controls the entire 2.4 acres.

The site will be developed by the non-profit Trust for Public Land with help from a $150,000 donation from Kaiser Permanente.

A volunteer advisory group has been formed to make recommendations (including a permanent name for the park) to plan for a temporary use of the park, such as a walking path that can be built with the limited funds available right now.

Mailbox

Editor:

The City might think about doing a little project management when it comes to projects like the Dawn Patrol and the last marathon. Issuing permits only just doesn't cut it. Part of this project management should be to assess how these events impact the community they are done in. It is quite evident that the City really has no idea what it is doing and consequently our residents are being unnecessarily inconvenienced because of it.

The film crew finally moved their movie trailers at Seaward and Pierpont BL away from the apartments next door after about a week. The constant sound of the generators had to drive the residents' nuts.

But, apparently the film crew didn't clean up after themselves and left the Anastasi (corner of Seaward and Harbor) property a mess...I blame both the City and the Production Company for this. The City's job should be more than just issuing permits...it requires a little project management. They continue to stumble...why should we trust them on any project in our neighborhood?
Norm D. Plum

Sheldon,

I was volunteering at the Harbor Village Gallery and we were commenting on how nice it was that the Breeze actually updated people on all our upcoming shows. Your paper has really filled the gap in informing on what the art scene is up to and everything else that plugs you into your own community. Keep up the good work. Without you, we would not know what is going on in our own backyard.
Thanks Sheldon.
Elianne White

Dear Sheldon:

Our fundraiser for the Ventura Women's Center on Mother's Day, May 12th was well attended and your sponsorship was critical to the success of the event. Thank you for donating space to advertise our fundraiser.
Funds from this years' fundraiser will contribute toward updating and improving the facility and infrastructure. Recently, we replaced decades old window treatments in the Ventura and Santa Paula rooms. Our next large project will be to replace the 50+ year old electrical sub-panels which serve the main portion of the building including the catering kitchen.
Our Mother's Day fundraiser not only contributes to maintenance projects which modernize the facility but also provides awareness in the community of the Ventura Women's Center. We are already discussing plans for next year's event to make it even more profitable. Thank you again for your donation and hope you'll consider sponsoring our fundraiser next year.
Sincerely,
Carol Shields
Executive Director,
The Poinsettia Pavilion

I exist as I am, that is enough.
–Walt Whitman

Community Events

Rotary July speaker program

The Rotary Club of Ventura South's summer speaker program includes the following to be held at the Wedgewood Banquet Center, 5880 Olivas Park Drive at noon.

7/8 – Brooke Cleary, Santa Barbara Attorney on *The History of Wills & Trusts Beginning with Henry VIII.*

7/15 – Off site: Lunch and program at Community Memorial Hospital on *Progress Report.*

7/22 – Karen Sterns, *A Historical & Present Day Retrospective on Building & Rebuilding the Panama Canal.*

7/29 – JoAnna Priest CNC, Nutritionist on *Real Health: Real Food for Healthy Living.*

Rotary is an international organization of business and professional men and women united world-wide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill both nationally and internationally.

The Rotary Club of Ventura South is celebrating their 30th anniversary in Ventura. The Club is committed to both local and international projects.

Visitors are welcome. For additional information contact Alan Kosh, 642-2880 or akosh@cellpage.com.

Ventura events

by Ana Baker

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

June 27: Portuguese Fraternal Society of America - the local chapter of PFSA (Council #128) will hold its **monthly meeting** on Thursday. This meeting is open to any person of Portuguese descent or interested in the Portuguese culture. The meeting will be held at Carrow's Restaurant, 2401 Harbor Blvd. The meeting will be from 11:30 a.m. for a 12p.m., no host luncheon. For more information and reservation, please call: Helen Rolls at 988-0964 or Cora Corella at 483-6285.

June 27: The Ventura County Rose Society will hold its **monthly meeting** at the Ventura County Office of Education Conference Center at 5100 Adolfo Rd., Camarillo. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for advice from consulting rosarians and refreshments, a little rose show at 7p.m., and speaker presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will feature Danielle Hahn, owner of Rose Story Farm in Carpinteria, Danielle Hahn will talk about *Roses! Roses! Roses!* from her wonderful rose gardens at the Rose Story Farm where she hosts seminars focusing on growing roses, garden design, and flower arranging. For more information contact: Janet Sklar at 818-337-9970 or Dawn-Marie Johnson at 523-9003. Or www.venturarose.org

June 30: First United Methodist Church of Ventura, 1338 E. Santa Clara St. invites you to their **third annual Carnival and Praise Concert**, from 3p.m. to 6p.m. Revelation Seven, well-known local praise band, will be performing in Trotter Hall while events for kids and the young at heart are taking place in the adjacent courtyard. Activities such as Wow Joust, bounce house, face painting, balloon art and other carnival theme games are planned. This no-charge event is a great opportunity for an afternoon of family fun. The church's coffee house, The Open Door will be serving up their usual espresso and selected tea beverages with a few additions in support of the day's activities. Come on by, the door is open and you're invited. Questions call the church office 643-8621.

July 2: Livingston Visiting Nurse Association will hold **diabetes classes** to introduce basic information regarding diet, medication, exercise, blood sugar monitoring, new developments and common problems. Open to the public and free of charge, no registration is necessary. Call 642-0239 for information. The classes are held at Livingston VNA, 1996 Eastman Ave., #109, from 1p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

July 4: Free 4th of July kids parade and puppet show at **Imagine on Main Street**, 540 E. Main St. Costuming starts at 9 a.m., parade at 9:30a.m.; Professor Marvel Puppet Shows at 12:30p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Children can get their faces painted and see what they can find in the costume box for free. Costume headbands, bows, and magic wands are available for purchase. The store is an art resource for families and local artists with art workshops and info about other local art events. The Toy Exchange offers opportunities to share unwanted toys and bring new toys home. For more info: 643-4463

July 7: A January 23, 1945 broadcast of *Fibber McGee and Molly* and 1925 recordings of Louis Armstrong 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 65 varieties of lavender is free. The Dudley House is located at 197 N Ashwood at the corner of Loma Vista. Anyone interested in working on the docent tours of the house, the lavender garden, or the lavender program, call Steve Cummings at 644-3286. To those who post the Dudley House open house listings, please be advised that there will no open house on July 4.

July 7: Citizens for Peaceful Resolutions will hold its **monthly meeting** from 1:30p.m. to 5:30p.m. in the Topping Room of E.P. Foster Library. The topic will be Awakening the Dreamer Symposium. Come and experience a live multimedia interactive presentation featuring extensive video from community and thought leaders from around the world. You will gain fresh insight into our world, meet like-minded people, find hope and inspiration on how you can help create a new future. Check-in will begin as early as 1:15p.m. Beverages and snacks will be provided. Admission is free.

July 13, 14: Do cowboys surf? What happens when you mix surfing, music and cowboys? **The Surf Rodeo!** That's right, and it's coming back to Pierpont Beach. This premier surf and music event, which successfully ran for 5 consecutive years, is back! Due to high demand from its fans, surfers and the community, the original Surf Rodeo rides again!

So, pull out your cowboy hats and board shorts and get ready to saddle up as several top surfers and thousands of

Community Events

fans descend on Pierpont Beach for a rip roaring good time! The two-day Surf and Music Festival will include the beach set up with a surf Competition, two music stages and two beer gardens on the sand. Seaward Avenue will be closed to vehicles and lined with a wide variety of vendor booths selling goods to the crowd.

Ojai events

The **Ojai Valley Museum** opens its third exhibition for 2013 on Saturday, **June 29**, to celebrate the "individual passion for collecting." **Ojai Collects** includes significant works from eight private collections housed in this community. Many of these pieces have never been shown in public prior to this exhibit. The exhibition runs June 29, through Sunday, September 15, 2013. The opening reception will be on Saturday, July 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. It is free and open to the public.

The museum is located at 130 W. Ojai Ave. Admission: free for current 2013 members, adults - $4.00, children 6–18 - $1.00 and children 5 and under – free. Gallery hours are Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Tours are available by appointment. Free parking is available off Blanche Street at back of museum.

For more information, call the museum at 640-1390, ext. 203, e-mail ojaimuseum@sbcglobal.net or visit the museum website at: Ojai Valley Museum.org

On **June 30**, the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *OT: Our Town* in recognition of Thornton Wilder's connection to Ojai. Wilder attended Thacher School during the 1912-1913 school year and wrote his first play there. **OT: Our Town** is an inspiring documentary about a Los Angeles inner-city production of Thornton Wilder's classic American play, *Our Town*. Filmmaker, Scott Hamilton Kennedy, will be on hand for a Q & A in the theater after the film. A reception will follow the screening at La Fonte restaurant, 205 N. Signal St. The film screens at the Ojai Playhouse at 4:30 pm. Admission to the screening/Q&A is $10 at the door. Admission to the screening, Q&A and reception is $25. Tickets for the reception can be purchased at www.ojaifilmsociety.org or by calling 646-8946.

On **July 6 & 7,** the **Ojai Film Society** will screen *Renoir,* a lush atmospheric drama set on the French Riviera in 1915 that tells the story of impressionist painter Pierre-Auguste Renoir in his later years, his convalescing son Jean and the young model Andrée, who enchants and rejuvenates them both. Ojai Playhouse, 4: 30 pm.

One Love Festival will be holding their second annual family-friendly festival at Ojai's Libbey Bowl over **4th of July weekend**. "My experience at One Love Fest was amazing! I got to enjoy yoga, beautiful music, and great conscientious people, with my husband and children!" says a festival goer.

When entering the festival experience, festival goers will have a "love clearing" as the first step of the One Love Experience, during which they will be grounded and cleared; it's simple, fun, and a great way to kick off the festival experience.

The festival was founded by Hollywood Producer Kenneth Schwenker, also founder of Leaders Causing Leaders and co-founder of BhaktiFest. "I wanted to create a family-friendly transformation festival that could provide opportunities for families to experience community, celebration, and love," says Schwenker.

Ticket price for the three-day festival is $126 per person. Local residents from Santa Barbara, Ojai, and Ventura get an amazing deal on a three day pass for $63 at checkout with code words "oneloveojai". You can also pick up discount tickets nearby at these locations; Ojai: Ojai Coffee Roasting Company, 337 E. Ojai Ave. (646-4478); Ventura: Imagine on Main St., 540 E. Main St. (643-4463); Carpinteria: Curious Cup Bookstore, 929 Linden Ave. (220-6608).

Saturday, **July 6**, at 7:30 pm at the Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts

An **inaugural performance** featuring world-renowned artists Carol Wincenc, Flute, Heidi Lehwalder, Harp, Artistic Director, and Jill Felber, Flute. Program highlights will include works by Bach, Salzedo, Fauré, Bartok, Debussy, and Berlioz.

General Admission $25 / Students $15. Admission purchase will be available at the door on the evening of the performance, however, due to limited space we recommend advance reservations guaranteed by credit card, or, personal check sent to: "Chamber On The Mountain." Happy Valley Foundation, PO Box 804, Ojai, CA 93024

When you make your advance reservations, your name will appear on the will call list. Reception will follow the performance.

For more information, and for advance reservations, please visit the Chamber On The Mountain website, or call 646-9951.

Breeze writer Tim Pompey has just released his fifth book of fiction titled Nightfly.

Breeze writer's new novel has Ventura setting

Midtown. Downtown. The Ventura Keys. Those are just some of the settings that author Tim Pompey has used for his new novel titled "Nightfly," a story about a young man from Ventura High School who has a closely guarded secret—he can fly.

Pompey's novel, however, is about more than just sailing through the air. "It's only the backdrop," said the author of four previous works of fiction. "Brandon's tale is about finding a family connection, a sense of his own spirituality, and most important, his own identity. He's adopted and longs to know about his real family."

It's a scenario that Pompey is familiar with, having lived for a number of years in foster care. "I was well cared for," he explained, "but I had difficulties as I grew up understanding who I really belonged to."

Though Pompey, who lives in Oxnard, has written some stories based in and around Oxnard and Ventura, this is his first novel to use a local setting. Some of the names of area businesses have been changed (some have not), but those who live near downtown Ventura might recognize a few of their local haunts. "It was familiar to me," he said, "because I spent a couple of years delivering Breezes in and around midtown and the east end, and I still spend a lot of time in downtown Ventura. It just seemed a natural choice."

The idea for this novel struck him one night a couple of years ago as he and his wife were returning home from a play in Moorpark. "A full moon was shining over the Conejo Grade as we drove back," said Pompey. "I thought to myself, wouldn't it be great if I could just stop the car and fly?"

Pompey has four previous works of fiction—three books of short stories and one novel. All of his works are available on Amazon and Kindle. He is scheduled to have a book signing at Fox's Fine Jewelry on Saturday, September 21, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For questions or additional book information, he can be reached at 479-3485 or tjpompey@gmail.com. He also has a Facebook page (www.facebook.com/booksbytimpompey) and a blog site (www.booksbytimpompey.wordpress.com).

Guest Columnist

Unsafe traffic circles

by Randolph Hinton

When our neighborhood, Island View, was built, the city decided to install traffic circles instead of stop signs at four intersections: Hill and Moon, Hill and Canary, Hill and Tanager and Canary and Tanager. In addition, the streets in our neighborhood are much narrower than most Ventura neighborhoods. In theory, circles allow a smooth flow of traffic while requiring drivers to significantly slow at each intersection. Working properly, the circles would keep traffic slow through the neighborhood but avoid unnecessary stops in low traffic areas.

This has not been the reality in our neighborhood. Due to poor design and improper application of traffic circles, the result is a high-speed throughway that residents of other neighborhoods use as an alternative to Johnson or Victoria. In addition, even seven years since they were installed, the circles cause daily confusion and regular near accidents and some actual accidents.

The main reason for all of this is that the circles are too small and are positioned so they don't actually require anyone to slow down. In most directions, drivers can go virtually straight through without slowing down. That results in a five-block stretch on Hill with no stops, allowing travel of 35 to 40 mph, instead of the legal speed limit of 25 mph, through a small residential neighborhood with very narrow streets.

In our neighborhood, the circle idea cannot be fixed. It must be replaced by stop signs, preferably 3-way and 4-way stops as appropriate. To create properly functioning circles, you must have the connecting streets and sidewalks constructed around them. Here, they simply took ordinary perpendicular intersections and plopped a circle in the middle. It just doesn't work.

The second problem with these circles is that they are so unusual in our city that most people don't know how to use them. Instead of properly yielding to the first to arrive to the circle, most people go right through if they perceive themselves to be in the larger, main street. For example, entering Hill from Canary, a small side street, one is routinely cut off by people speeding by on Hill who seem blind to the Yield signs, and believe they have the right of way. Moon Drive users routinely fly through the Hill intersection without slowing down or sometimes even seeming to look. These circles have essentially become four way "go" intersections, which is very dangerous.

The final problem is that due to the narrow streets and tight turns around these circles, when turning left, large vehicles, and lazy drivers, often cut left around the wrong way. Drivers are supposed to go counter-clockwise around circles so everyone is going the same direction. When turning left, you end up going three quarters of the way around the circle, counter-clockwise. Trash trucks, delivery trucks and fire trucks cannot fit around the circles when making a left turn and therefore go clockwise across the intersection into on-coming traffic. I often observe lazy or confused drivers do the same thing.

I don't know where the idea of these circles came from, but it is a failure. The positive benefits circles could provide don't exist because of poor design and lack of room. What we are left with is a dangerous and confusing series of intersections that encourages the use of our small, narrow-street neighborhood as a high-speed throughway for surrounding residents. The answer is 3-way and 4-way stops.

Enjoy the 5th year anniversary of the Ventura Jazz Orchestra at the Ventura Poinsettia Dance Club as the Ventura Jazz Orchestra invites you to its special event. Come help them celebrate during their Swing into Summer Big Band Dance featuring the vocal styling of Donna Greene and Glenn Novack. Listen and dance to a 19 piece traditional big band recreating music by Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Julie London, Natalie Cole, to name just a few.

On Saturday June 29, 8:00-10:30pm, 3451 Foothill Road. $15 admission at the door. Free refreshments and parking.

Business

Ventura business news

Solarsilicon Recycling Services, LLC has expanded its workforce by expanding their business, which recycles unusable and off-spec silicon and processes it into usable feedstock for the solar industry, into a recently acquired 90,000-square-foot industrial building at 2433 Eastman Avenue.

Permits have been approved for a new wine and beer tasting bar/establishment called **Grapes and Hops**. Located at 454 E. Main Street (formerly the Gold Lion Gallery), the menu will consist of a variety of teas, wine, beer and cheese plates.

In addition the vacant commercial space at Working Artists Ventura (WAV) will soon be the home to **Jai Rhythm Yoga**; construction began May 29.

Dr. Hooman Zarrinkelk, DDS, oral and maxillofacial surgery has opened an office located at 5200 Telegraph Road.

Larry Krogh has opened **GP Real Estate** downtown at 554 Main Street.

Rincon Consultants, a Ventura-based environmental sciences and planning consulting firm, has announced that **Patricia Post** has been hired as the marketing manager, and **Bryce Ternet** has been hired as a senior planner.

With over 15 years' experience providing marketing support for engineering and environmental consulting firms, Ms. Post will lead all marketing activities for the firm and will be based out of the Ventura office.

Mr. Ternet brings over 11 years' experience in multiple phases of project development and program management to Rincon as a Senior Planner in the growing Monterey office.

Larry Oliver has 15 years' experience drafting persuasive marketing, branding and internet strategies, most recently as founder of **805 Web Designs** which he now brings to **ZestNet**. Oliver's background includes work for the beach and surf apparel line **Gotcha Clothing**. A graduate of St. Mary's College and the Platt College of Graphic and Multimedia Design, Larry lives in Camarillo with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children.

Founded in 1984, ZestNet is a full-service Ventura based design and marketing firm. ZestNet's partners, Duane Eells and Ric Ruffinelli, are dedicated to finding innovative solutions to ensure their clients thrive in today's ever-evolving media landscape.

Dr. Hooman Zarrinkelk, DDS

Bryce Ternet

Patricia Post

Larry Oliver

Play Safe

Fireworks are illegal in the City of Ventura

by Kris McDonald
Fire Captain
Ventura City Fire Department

Ventura City Fire Department would like to remind all 4th of July enthusiasts that both the Ventura Street Fair and Pushem Pullem Parade offer fun for the entire family, and we encourage you to attend. The Street Fair is located in the downtown area and operates from 10am to 5pm with over 200 artists, crafters, and food vendors, as well as six separate stages of entertainment. Ventura City Fire personnel will be on hand teaching "Sidewalk CPR" as well as answering questions and providing information related to safety. The Pushem Pullem Parade begins at 10am at Cemetery Park. A free shuttle is available from the Ventura County Government Center, so bring the entire family down for a day of fun.

Unfortunately, the local fireworks show located at Ventura College has been cancelled this year due to budget constraints. Please remember that, despite this cancellation, it is still illegal to possess, sell or discharge any type of fireworks (including Safe & Sane) in the City of Ventura. Over the years, there have been several fires resulting from the illegal use of fireworks, including a 700-acre brush fire that resulted in financial penalties being levied upon the parents of the juveniles responsible for starting the blaze. The California Supreme Court has ruled that fires started due to the malicious use of fireworks can and likely will be charged as arson under the Penal Code, thereby creating much stiffer penalties for these destructive acts.

Open burning, including bonfires on the beach, is also illegal. Fires can be enjoyed in fixed and approved fire pits only. In addition to the fire hazards and nuisance smoke that beach bonfires produce, many of these bonfires create dangers that last for days, especially when the embers are buried in the sand. Beach goers, usually children, frequently step on the smoldering embers and can suffer serious burns.

Another item that frequently causes injuries at the beach is carelessly discarded broken glass. Whenever possible, use only plastic or aluminum containers, and please remember that no matter what you bring...take it with you when you leave. It is up to each and every one of us to keep our beaches clean and beautiful. Recycling and/or proper disposal of waste materials is a must.

When you are in and around the water at the beach, remain in an area where a lifeguard is present. Lifeguard towers are staffed at various locations along the Ventura coastline. Water rescues are often caused by swimmers and body boarders being caught in rip currents. Check with the on-duty lifeguard for direction as to the best place to enter the water.

All too often, Ventura City Fire Department responds to assist victims of alcohol related incidents. Please enjoy your holiday responsibly by not operating a vehicle or entering the ocean while under the influence. Always designate a driver and keep your wits about you by not drinking to excess. Injuring yourself or others, getting cited, or even landing in jail is no way to spend your 4th of July holiday.

For more information please visit us online at facebook.com/venturacityfire or youtube.com/user/VenturaCityFD.

Refuse collection delayed

In observance of the Independence Day holiday, the employees of E.J. Harrison & Sons will be taking the day off on Thursday, July 4. As a result, Ventura customers who regularly have their trash and recyclables or green waste collected on Thursday or Friday will have it collected one day later than usual that week.

The holiday will not affect Harrison customers in Ventura who regularly have their trash and recyclables or green waste collected on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Harrison will maintain its regular trash and green waste collection schedule in Ojai and surrounding areas on Monday, July 1.

News and Notes

From Ventura to Manhattan School of Music

by Gina Randazzo

Ventura High School alumnus Kevin Bernstein has already begun to prove himself as a stand out musician in the city that never sleeps. An exceptional piano player since the age of eight, Bernstein has furthered his musical career by attending the Manhattan School of Music and playing in several different bands. Though he mainly focuses on piano, Bernstein also plays the bass, guitar, and drums.

Bernstein started his musical journey through programs outside of his regular schooling. He participated in the Ojai and Santa Barbara Youth Symphonies and traveled to Los Angeles for private lessons and jam sessions as an adolescent. In his years at Ventura High School, not many of his peers knew of his talents though he worked tirelessly on perfecting his skills. "I didn't really put myself out there," commented Bernstein, "A lot of people didn't know I played piano because I kind of kept it to myself."

Upon being accepted to the Manhattan School of Music, Bernstein has made several great connections to jump start his journey into a musical career. Bernstein studies in the jazz program, and focuses on piano. Through his school, he's met several other musicians to collaborate with in multiple bands. "Musicians are kind of weird people and there are a lot of interesting personalities and quirky people there to work with," stated Bernstein.

Bernstein plays in four separate bands; however, he works mainly with the band XD7, an all instrumental band which features jazz like sounds. XD7's latest album is available now, and features a wide range of different instruments and sounds, a "mix of everything" as Bernstein puts it. The album was a long work in progress, and well worth listening to.

Aside from XD7, Bernstein also participates in a band called Nice Young Men, which will be performing in local gigs here in Ventura around mid-August. With his musical career becoming so successful, Bernstein hopes to be touring with a well-known artist or be pursuing his own written music within the next ten years. "It would be cool to tour with anyone from Alicia Keys to Frank Ocean," Bernstein commented, "I just hope to be somewhere where I enjoy the music."

XD7, a young all instrumental band that actually plays jazz.

Senior Living

Pull Out Section

Residents of Cypress Place Senior manned the carnival booths at the senior community's Country Fair. K-9 Amigo (pictured) and his handler Ventura PD Officer Jacob Fowler were part of the canine demonstration during the event.

Cypress Place supports K-9 units; will honor war veterans

A Country Fair celebration and fundraiser to benefit the National Police Dog Foundation exceeded the expectations of the organizers at Cypress Place Senior Living. On June 15 the senior living community raised over $2900 for the foundation, which raises funds to support K-9 programs for various law enforcement agencies, including the Ventura Police and Sheriff's K-9 units.

Ventura Mayor Mike Tracy (ex-police chief) and Ventura Police Chief Ken Corney were on hand as guest speakers and expressed their appreciation to Cypress Place for this fundraiser, and how important the K-9 program is to the community.

An estimated 250 attendees enjoyed live country music by the Sweet Country Band, dancing, pony rides for the kids, and carnival games.

"Our residents are still active, vibrant members of society," said Yvonne Knepper, community marketing director at the senior community. "They love nothing more than being able to make a positive difference in the world. As a matter of fact, they had so much fun this year, next year they want to have even more carnival games that they will run," Knepper said.

A sumptuous picnic lunch, including fried chicken, Cole slaw, fresh fruit, cornbread, and of course, homemade pie, was served up by the chefs at Cypress Place.

But the highlight of the event was a K-9 demonstration with canines and their handlers from the Ventura Police Department. The canines and their handlers demonstrated how they work together as a team to carry out their duties. They then went out into the crowd for people to meet the canines up close.

Next up, Cypress Place Senior Living will host a special "Salute to Our Veterans" celebration on Wednesday July 3, with a ceremony recognizing residents of Cypress Place, as well as members of the public, who served their country.

A military Color Guard presentation will lead the tribute, followed by a special Veteran recognition, recognition of widows of Veterans, guest speakers, a special Veterans memorabilia display, and live musical entertainment provided by the Saxophone Quartet Band of the South West Air National Guard.

A free BBQ lunch will follow this powerful tribute. Residents, families, and friends of the community are welcome to attend. The event is free and open to the public.

This year's event will also include free shuttle parking at Ventura Baptist Church, 5415 Ralston Street.

This inspiring event begins promptly at 11am on Wednesday. Cypress Place Senior Living is located at 1200 Cypress Point Lane in Ventura. For more information or to RSVP, please call 650-8000 or visit their web site at www.cypressplaceseniorliving.com.

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Senior Living

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Elder abuse awareness month

by Nanci Cone

With June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month, leading in-home care provider Home Helpers hopes to help raise awareness about elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. The home care franchise launched a national media relations push to continue throughout the month of June to foster a better understanding of this serious issue, recognize warning signs, and find solutions.

Throughout the world, abuse and neglect of vulnerable adults remains a hidden problem that is largely under-recognized and under-reported. According to the Center for Elder Abuse, there are few accurate statistics on the occurrences of physical abuse because it is so rarely reported. Thus, according to Home Helpers, public education campaigns like World Elder Abuse Awareness Day are vital to informing people around the world about elder abuse, and active involvement of the media is central to the success of these campaigns.

"As a business that works closely with seniors on daily a basis, it is our mission to provide the best quality care and companionship for those in need and educate the community on issues that may affect their loved ones," Home Helpers president Emma Dickison said. "It is crucial to increase public awareness and knowledge of financial and physical elder abuse, and to promote the education of professionals and community members in the identification, treatment and prevention of this issue."

Home Helpers offers free in-home consultations and works with clients individually to tailor flexible care plans to meet their specific needs and budgets. Services offered include companionship, light housekeeping, local transportation, grocery shopping, meal preparation, assistance bathing, dressing and feeding, medication reminders, vital signs monitoring and more. To learn more about them, visit their website at www.HomeHelpers.CC.

Susy Rios, Senior Victim Advocate with the District Attorney's Crime Victims' Assistance Unit, is passionate about getting the word out on how to prevent elder abuse. "The District Attorney publishes information to inform the public about elder abuse," she notes. To obtain copies of the District Attorney's free publications on the subject, please contact Ms. Rios at (805) 654-2690 or email her at Susy.Rios@Ventura.org. "The District Attorney's Office has a unit dedicated to serving elder victims and prosecuting those that commit crimes against elders," adds Susy. Additionally, for all abuse victims over the age of 65, the County has created an elder abuse court run by Judge Toy-White. Held every Wednesday at 10 am in Courtroom 37, it hears all matters filed under the criminal elder abuse statute, Penal Code Section 368 and it provides an efficient and effective approach to dealing with matters concerning criminal elder abuse.

The National Center on Elder Abuse is directed by the U.S. Administration on Aging and is a resource for policy makers, social service and health care practitioners, the justice system, researchers, advocates, and families. According to their website, as many as two million elders are abused in the United States. The NCEA serves as a national resource center dedicated to the prevention of elder mistreatment. To carry out this mission, the NCEA disseminates elder abuse information to professionals and the public, and provides technical assistance and training to states and to community-based organizations. For more information on this organization, visit their website at www.ncea.aoa.gov.

SCAN enables participants to better cope with their chronic diseases

"Healthier Living," a free, six-week program focused on managing ongoing health conditions, will begin on Wednesday, July 10, at 9 a.m. at SCAN Senior Resource Center, 6633 Telephone Road, Suite 100.

The program provides practical coping strategies to enable participants to better cope with their chronic diseases, manage their medications, and increase physical activity levels. Participants also work on effective communication skills with family, friends and health professionals.

"After completing these workshops participants demonstrate significant improvement in their self-reported general health," said Steve Lehman, MBA, MPH, manager of the SCAN Senior Resource Center. "We all need to be active participants in our own health. This program teaches you how."

SCAN Health Plan offers Healthier Living in partnership with Stanford University and the Partners in Care Foundation and in cooperation with the Ventura County Area Agency on Aging, Camarillo Health Care District, St. John's Regional Medical Center, Senior Concerns and Ventura County Public Health.

Participants should be 60 or older, have ongoing health conditions, and agree to attend all six sessions. A waiting list will be established for future programs and referrals made to other community organizations offering this series. Call 658-0365 to sign up and to see if you qualify.

Qigong (pronounced: "chee gung"), an ancient Chinese practice that includes bending, stretching and breathing for better health and peace of mind, will be offered for the first time at the SCAN Senior Resource Center, 6633 Telephone Road, Suite 100. The class will run 12 weeks, beginning Wednesday, July 10, at 11:30 a.m.

Each class is one hour and will be taught by Don Fiore, a certified tai chi and qigong instructor.

This program is offered as a community service of the not-for-profit SCAN Health Plan. There is no cost to participants age 60 years or older. Call 658-0365 to register as space is limited.

Due to popular demand SCAN Senior Resource Center has added additional seating at its July "Eat-to-Beat Cancer" class. There is now space available at this free, two-hour health presentation that will be held on Tuesday, July 9, at 10 a.m. at the SCAN Senior Resource Center .

Susan J. Speer, a registered dietitian and fellow of the American Dietetic Association, will discuss diet and cancer, including the American Cancer Society's "Guidelines on Nutrition for Cancer Prevention." She will also demonstrate how to make great salads packed with natural cancer-fighting nutrients. The program is sponsored by SCAN Health Plan, St. John's Regional Medical Center and the Ventura Council on Aging.

Senior Living

Participants must be 50 years and older and reside in the city where the class is being offered. This class is only open to those who have not participated in an Eat-to-Beat Cancer program at any location. Registration is required as space is limited. Call 658-0365.

Bonaventure events

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7/5 – Selling Your Home 11am
7/6 – Open House 9-1pm
7/7 –Travel Safety 2pm
7/9 – Driver Safety Course 11:30am
7/13 – Frank Jackson "Mr. Fitness" 11:30am
7/14 – Ice Cream Social 3pm
7/19 – Happy Hour with Live Entertainment 3pm
7/20 – Learn How to Play Pool 10am
7/22 – Sing-Along 2pm
7/23 – Ventura Council on Aging Senior Forum 11am
7/27 – Luau and Lunch with Polynesian Dancers 11:30am
7/30 – Eye Wellness 10am

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Sports

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Sales and Marketing Director

KemperSports recently named Anna Atwell as sales and marketing director at Olivas Links and Buenaventura Golf Courses. In this role, Atwell will be responsible for driving overall revenue with an emphasis on tournament sales and group events in addition to marketing both municipal-owned golf courses.

Atwell, a local resident of Ventura, brings several years of industry experience to her new position. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Marketing Management from the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, Minn. and most recently held positions in small business management and contract administration. Atwell also formerly held a tournament coordinator position for the 84 Lumber Classic, a PGA Tour event, where she was responsible for implementing innovative marketing strategies including collateral design and signage.

"We are excited to have found Anna to spearhead our tournament sales and marketing efforts for the Ventura Golf properties," said Matt Kalbak, PGA General Manager for both courses. "Her passion for the game of golf and a wealth of experience from her past affiliations will strengthen our team's efforts in supporting Olivas Links and Buenaventura's continued growth as a community asset as well as in creating memorable guest experiences that align with the vision for our two beautiful Ventura amenities."

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literary and editorial tips to help you refine your craft, followed by practical ideas for getting published and selling your work.

Other highlights will include writing exercises/prompts, handout, and "Ask the Editor" Q&A.

Thursday, July 11, 1 pm in the meeting room of The Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf (4360 E. Main St., Ventura)

Cost: $15; and beverage purchase is required.

The presenter is Central Coast editor Laurie Gibson, who's helped more than 150 first-time authors prepare their work for publication. In addition, she's edited and proofread well over 250 books for numerous publishers (including recent editions of *The Color Purple* and *Mrs. Dalloway*, as well as books by musician Jimmy Buffett and business guru Brian Tracy). For several years, she taught editing at UCLA Extension.

For further information, and to RSVP please contact Joanne Fields at 650-5266.

Building Champions in Volleyball

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club, Jack and his wife Renee, are no strangers in the volleyball community. Jack has presently coached nearly fifty teams throughout high school and club seasons. During his 16 years at Buena High, he was named "Coach of the Year" three times, as well as three times during his five year coaching career at Saint Bonaventure High. In 2004, he was selected CIF-SS Division 1 (So Cal) Coach of the Year leading his team to a top 10 finish nationally. Jack's most beloved award was as a national finalist for the "Phil Jackson Positive Coaching Alliance Award", which deals with the positive manner in which coaches create a positive atmosphere for players to learn within.

When Jack retired from the Ventura Police Department in 2011, after nearly 30 years on the force, he was able to make Rincon Volleyball Club a reality. He knew he wanted a new direction for club volleyball in Ventura County. Jack wanted a dimensional club, featuring elite and highly competitive teams along with developmental teams. Jack and Renee also knew that they wanted an exceptional group of coaches to mold the club to meet their expectations. Their last vision included their own volleyball facility, something unheard of within Ventura's club volleyball community.

Presently, Rincon's "Beach House" gym is home to nearly 14 teams, almost 150 athletes, 20 coaches and an abundance of supportive parents and fans. Just this past year, Rincon expanded their gym, adding a third full size championship court, jump training area and specialized skill focused areas. Also added, was parent/family "Beach Hut Apparel" shop featuring Nike attire, shoes, kneepads and volleyball accessories.

In addition to weekly team practices, Rincon offers private lessons with their experienced coaches, a huge asset for players wanting to improve on a specific skill. Through the City of Ventura Recreation Department, Rincon accommodates several summer volleyball leagues, including men, women and coed volleyball competition. They also offer summer camps for elementary and middle school aged children and skill specific clinics for high school aged students. Rincon has also hosted 4 youth tournaments; featuring 3 Rincon developmental youth teams as well as teams from Thousand Oaks, Santa Barbara, Oxnard and San Luis Obispo.

Currently, 10 of their elite teams will be leaving to attend the annual Volleyball Festival, held in Phoenix, Arizona. Rincon will be represented by nearly 115 volleyball players, 20 coaches and nearly 250 parents. Rincon has come a long way since their first year back in 2010. For further information or for details regarding their Summer Camps, Clinics and 2014 season please call 658-RVBC.

In 2009 things would drastically change for Swoop Brown.

Swoop Brown live at TRC

Swoop Brown was born in Los Angeles and raised by his beautiful mother with the help of his amazing grandparents. Swoop began to sing and play drums at the age of 9 and would eventually teach himself to play keyboards, write and compose songs. Chasing his dreams, Swoop Brown built a career in the entertainment industry as a producer, singer, songwriter and co-owner of a record company, distributed by Universal Music Group.

In 2009 things would drastically change for Swoop Brown. In an instant the appeal of Hollywood and the so-called attractive lifestyle and status connected to the entertainment industry was gone. "Everything I thought I knew and all of the things I thought I wanted in life and in my career all of a sudden didn't feel right anymore. I felt like I was seeing through a new set of eyes and hearing through a new set of ears. Swoop Brown walked away from the industry and began to serve God full time.

Swoop will be performing live at The River Community Church (TRC) as well as sharing his personal testimony and some incredible stories from the past on Sunday, July 7th at 5:30 PM. The complimentary gourmet coffee bistro is open at 4:45 PM and there is a nursery for infants and toddlers. TRC is located at 889 E. Santa Clara St. The River Community Church is known for being "Your partners in life." For more information about The River Community Church, please visit their website at www.TheRiverCommunity.org or call the church office at 648-7955.

Book Publishing 1-2-3

Sprinkled with stories and tips (for example, finding literary agents), this program is designed to empower and inspire writers of all levels. It will start with a look at today's dynamic book business, including a discussion of traditional versus electronic and self-publishing. Learn

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News and Notes

The VPD and Special Olympic athletes served all of your needs. Photo by Bernie Goldstein.

If you didn't leave 20% you will get a ticket

The Ventura Police Department (VPD) again sponsored the Special Olympics "Tip-A-Cop" event on June 18, at the Black Angus Restaurant.

Tip-A-Cop is a law enforcement fundraising event in which law enforcement officers assist with waiting tables at a local restaurant and collect "tip" donations for Special Olympics. More than a dozen restaurants and 8 law enforcement agencies team up throughout the year in support of Tip-A-Cop with the goal being to collect as many donations as possible for Special Olympics of Ventura County.

For over 20 years VPD has been involved in the Tip-A-Cop program and the seventh year collaborating with Black Angus. Local Special Olympics Athletes and Ventura Police Officers acted as "celebrity servers," while assisting Black Angus servers throughout the evening. Envelopes were also provided to dining patrons so officers can accept tax-deductible donations. The athletes showed off their medals and shared their Special Olympics experiences.

"Last year we had a great event and a good time. Together the VPD and Black Angus restaurant raised over $3,000 in tip donations for the Ventura County Special Olympics," stated Officer Bernadette Compean who helps organize the Special Olympics Torch Run and Tip-A-Cop events for the VPD.

For more information on this event, and Special Olympics of Ventura County, contact PSO Alyse Quiroz at 339-4473 (aquiroz@venturapd.org), Officer Bernadette Compean at 797-8872, (bcompean@venturapd.org), or Special Olympics Regional Director Peggi Preston at 650-7717 (Ppreston@sosc.org).

District voters approved a $4,750,000 bond in 1962 to build the Harbor. Photo by John Ferritto

50 years and just getting better

It's hard to remember Ventura without the Harbor as it celebrates its 50th year anniversary. The Ventura Harbor today is a popular seaside playground for residents and tourists, but it wasn't always this way. Previously, the area was mostly agricultural, with orchards, a dump and administrative offices. Walter Hoffman was the primary landowner and he had an interest in boating. He was a cooperative seller and also instrumental in developing the Ventura Keys.

Ventura citizens decided the land was too valuable for those uses so in an election on April 8, 1952, a majority of voters established the Ventura Port District as a "special district." A week later, the Ventura County Board of Supervisors formed the Port District to acquire, build and operate a commercial and recreational boat harbor in Ventura.

District voters approved a $4,750,000 bond in 1962 to build the Harbor, which began operations on June 16, 1963. The Port District owns and operates the Harbor, defined as 152 acres of land and 122 acres of water.

In the early days, the Harbor was called the Ventura Marina. Over the years, it has grown and prospered. In 1968, Island Packers formed to take visitors boating and on excursions to the Channel Islands. In 1980, 5 of the 8 islands gained National Park status and the park, headquartered at Ventura Harbor, opened the Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitor Center. Harbor Village was a welcomed addition 30 years ago, in 1983.

The Harbor constantly evolves and improves every year, and many longtime businesses continue to thrive. Harbor Village remains a vibrant area with shops, art galleries, dining options and a comedy club.

A landscape master plan has been developed that considers more public art and new landscaping. A new 21-acre, multi-use development with upscale apartments, townhomes, shops, a park and a waterfront promenade also is planned and the Harbor is getting a new $2.55 million launch ramp this fall.

Gregory Carson, Chairman of the Board of Port Commissioners, remembers when the area was just a dirt road. He has enjoyed seeing the Harbor grow over the years. "Being a native Venturan it's been great to watch the Harbor grow and be a part of its future," he said.

Ms. California

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growing up, and how she overcame the nearly impossible obstacles. "I hope to get my message out there and continue toward my goal," Meredith added.

Karen Kleyla, State Director of the pageant, and a strong supporter isn't the only one with whom Christina has made an impression. "Christina almost received a perfect score, the judges loved her as well and even though she has had a horrific past, she is working on making a difference." "The Miss California United States organization is designed to serve as a platform for girls and women to promote themselves and help pursue causes important to them," added Kleyla.

Christina will be traveling to Washington DC on July 1st to compete with contestants from all over the country. If you would like to support Christina, please visit her Facebook page at facebook.com/mscaus2013.

Professor Scamp, Ph.D (Pretty Happy Dog)

Professor Scamp
Ph.D

■ If you missed The First Felix 'n Fido "Bring Me Home" Adoption Festival held on Saturday, June 22 you missed a wonderful day and event. And the weather couldn't have been better.

It was presented by me (okay, and with a lot of help from my publisher and Minda Benezra from CABODOGZ) but I did most of the work. It was officially put on by the Ventura Breeze, Professor Scamp and CABODOGZ.

Held at the end of Spinnaker, in the Ventura Harbor on the lawn area next to the Harbor Cove Café it was a huge success with 12 pets (Dogs and cats) being adopted and given a chance at a new wonderful life with loving humans. And in some cases their lives were saved.

Besides the 3 pictures that I have (no room for all of the photos) the following pets were adopted, and probably more to come:

Cabodogz: Penny and Rollo; Cabodogz had an amazing day and event

CARL–one adoption-CARL's Mary Saputo was on hand to introduce their dogs on the red carpet

Labs n Friends.org-4 or 5?

Humane Society of Ventura County- 2 kittens

Fetching Companions Retriever Rescue–3 pendingadoptions from the event

Doxie Rescue–1 adoption, Pixie, and 3 pending applications

Cold Noses Warm Hearts–2 adoptions, Cowboy and Chloe

So Ca. German Shorthaired Pointer Rescue–Duke was adopted and possibly Hattie

I can hardly begin to thank all of you who attended enough for making our first adoption festival so wonderful and a special dog thanks goes to:

The cat and dog rescue groups and their volunteers

Especially to the people who adopted the pets.

The local trainers, veterinarians and pet food specialists who answered all of your questions.

Laura Shannon for providing wonderful bags of dog goodies to all of the adopted dogs from Savory Prime Pet Treats. I must admit that I took one home to check it out. Included were 2 small special tasting tennis ball toys so I gave them to Savana (I prefer chasing stuffed animals that people need to throw for me to keep them engaged). And she couldn't care less about people (or so it seems to me).

I know that my publisher thanked many others in his article.

I hope to see you all at our next adoption festival where even more animals will be found new loving homes.

Dareck Crane from Ventura adopted Mylie, a 5-year-old puggle (a pug and beagle mix), from "Cold Noses-Warm Hearts". What a lucky dog and person. Shown with Dareck is Dominic Robinson who just decided to be in the picture.

David Valenzuela from Oxnard adopted Cal (permanent name to be decided), a 2-year-old Chihuahua from "Labs & Friends.Org". This is obviously a friend and not a lab. Just another lucky dog and friend.

Andy Mack from Ventura adopted Peanut, a 5-year- old Chihuahua, from

All kinds of good stuff was in this mystery bag, including my favorite, food.

Thanks to all of you that drew a picture of your pets at the Ventura Breeze booth, one of them of me. And one by my cousin, Evin, who likes to draw big his cat Milo.

Forever home wanted

Hi: I'm Honey an affectionate and playful about 8-year-old female Labrador/Pit Bull mix. I'm a rambunctious girl who has a lot of great energy. I love long walks, the puppy pool, large orange ball and lots of love. I need a home that does not have cats and if there are children in the home they must be 6 years or older. I know my basics and I'm good on a walk and in the car. I was rescued from Animal Regulation and I just want to go home with my new family. I do a great impersonation of Spiderman and therefore I need a fenced in yard with a wooden or wall fence as I can climb a cyclone or chain link fence that is at least 6 feet tall. I'm a very smart girl who just wants to please. The Canine Adoption & Rescue League, Sam's Place, 3203 E. Main Street, 644-7387. www.carlvc.org.

Scamp Club

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We have been taking doggie lessons with Laurie Burnam over at Camino Real Park, learning how to be good canines and roommates.

Join Scamp Club

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Police Reports

by Veronica Johnson

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

Assault with a Deadly Weapon (vodka)

On Tuesday, June 11th, at 4:14 p.m., the VPD received a call of a possible robbery in progress at Avenue Liquor in the 500 block of North Ventura Avenue. The clerk of the business reported being struck with a bottle and the suspect fled the business.

Officers arrived and found the clerk suffering from non-life threatening injuries to his arm and shoulder. Investigation revealed the clerk and the suspect, Samuel Hamlet, were involved in a verbal argument over change from an alcohol purchase. Hamlet challenged the clerk to fight and then began to throw objects off the counter at the victim. Hamlet took a large glass bottle of alcohol off the shelf and threw it at the victim. Hamlet then fled the store.

Hamlet was seen driving in the area and was detained without incident. Hamlet was booked into VC Jail.

Armed Robbery

On Tuesday, June 18th, at 11:26 p.m., two Hispanic males confronted the first victim who had parked his car in the area of Johnson and Ralston. One suspect punched the victim in the face and the second suspect produced a handgun and demanded the victim's property. The suspects then fled north on Johnson.

A few minutes later, two suspects matching the description of the previous suspects confronted a second victim as he exited his vehicle a few blocks from the first robbery. One suspect pointed a handgun at the second victim and demanded his property. The second suspect punched the victim in the face, took his property and the suspects fled.

Residential Burglary (if only the owner wasn't a woman I would have made it)

On Tuesday, June 18th, at 2:00 p.m., the VPD received a call from a concerned resident in the 100 Block of Hillview Street stating that an unknown person had just attempted to enter their neighbor's residence. As officers were being dispatched, the caller followed the prowler leaving the neighborhood. The suspect fled the neighborhood through the shopping center at Telegraph and Victoria. During a neighborhood canvass Paul Brummit was located hiding in a residence in the 200 block of Burl Street.

Brummit forced entry into the residence and had discarded his clothes, attempting to change his appearance by putting on the resident's clothes. When confronted by the police, Brummit pretended to be the owner of the home. Unbeknownst to Brummit, the resident was already contacted prior to the search and Brummit was taken into custody without incident.

Brandishing Arrest

On Wednesday, June 19th, at 10:20 a.m., the VPD received calls from residents in the 700 block of Jasper Avenue regarding a male subject brandishing a shotgun at a neighbor. Officers saw William Graham with a shotgun. Graham wouldn't respond to officer's commands and instead went back into his residence.

Officers learned Graham was inside his residence with his wife and two young children. Officers attempted to have him come outside and surrender or let his wife and children leave the residence. He initially refused to comply. As a result of Graham's actions, the SWAT team was requested.

After a short period of time, phone contact was made with Graham. After about an hour, Graham's family came outside, unharmed. Shortly thereafter, Graham surrendered without incident.

Residential Burglary Arrest

On Wednesday, June 19th, at 11:45 p.m., the VPD received a call from a distressed resident in the 6900 Block of Swan Street stating an unknown subject was standing at her bedroom door. As officers were responding, the caller informed the public safety dispatcher she had two small children sleeping in the next room and she was terrified for their wellbeing.

Officers contacted the resident through her rear bedroom door. Officers entered the house, located the children, and delivered them to safety. Suspect Manual Corona was found in the living room of the house. Corona failed to comply with the officers orders, so the K-9 was deployed. Corona was taken into custody without further incident.

Corona forced entry in the residence through a side window. Corona was in the process of removing property when officers took him into custody. Corona was transported to VCMC where he received medical treatment for minor injuries sustained during the K-9 deployment and was booked at VC Jail.

Harbor Patrol Blotter

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

6-3 10:50 a.m. Patrol observed a squid vessel discharging squid ink into the Harbor. Patrol contacted the boat's skipper and issued a verbal warning.

11:40 a.m. CHP dispatch relayed a report of a woman drowning at Marina Park. Patrol responded as the 9-1-1 system was being activated. Upon arrival, the woman was safe on the beach. She had entered the water to save her 7-year-old daughter, who was also safe on the beach.

6-4 4:45 p.m. A Keys resident reports there is an electric boat at her dock and she is concerned that there will not be room when her husband sails back to the dock. Patrol responded and towed the electric boat to the Patrol dock.

6-5 10:45 a.m. Patrol was able to identify the owner of the electric boat that was on the dock of the Keys. Its owner stated he had mechanical problems and drifted onto that dock. At his request, Patrol towed it to his dock in the Keys.

2:45 p.m. Patrol received several phone calls of a boating accident at VIM. Patrol responded, interviewed the operator, and documented minor damage to four vessels that were hit when the operator lost control in 20-knot winds. Patrol towed the vessel into its slip.

6-7 1:05 p.m. Ventura Harbor Yacht Yard reports a vessel spilled a small amount of diesel into the water. Patrol investigated.

6-8 3:23 a.m. FCC activated the On Call System to report a fuel spill at VIM. FD was already on scene. Patrol responded. Investigation revealed that the spill was gasoline, but was not in a dangerous or recoverable concentration. Both agencies searched for a source, but could not locate one.

8:04 a.m. F&G reports an injured surfer by the Santa Clara River mouth. FCC dispatched appropriate agencies. Patrol responded and assisted in transporting the patient to Surfer's Knoll. The patient chose to transport himself to the hospital.

6-9 2:21 p.m. A citizen reports that her vehicle was broken into by Burger Galley and two laptops were stolen. PD had been notified. Patrol responded and assisted taking the report and making the vehicle drivable so she and her infant could drive home.

8:30 p.m. A 37-foot sailboat reports they have a line in their prop. Patrol responded, took the vessel into tow and released it at its slip at VWM.

6-15 12:45 p.m. State Lifeguards report a multiple victim rescue at the South Beach. Patrol responded, deployed an Officer as rescue swimmer, who assisted State Lifeguards to transport six victims to the beach. AMR transported one victim to the hospital.

6-16 3:16 p.m. FCC dispatched Patrol and others to a pier jumper at the Ventura Pier. Upon arrival, the subject had swam to the beach.

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King Crossword

Answers

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Show Time

The Ataris gave a solid performance at the Warped Tour. Photo by #djkohlirocks.

Where The Music Flows

Ventura gets WARPED again!

by Michael Kohli
VenturaLiveWire@gmail.com
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Currently listening to: Who Invited You *by The Donnas*

It came to be that time of year again. Vans Warped Tour invaded the Ventura Fairgrounds with multiple stages of live bands. And, the fans were screaming crazy. Black Veil Brides and Goldfinger were probably my two favorite performances. The Ataris, bless the fall, We Came As Romans, Motion City Soundtrack, For The Foxes, Hawthorne Heights, and Forever The Sickest Kids gave solid performances as well. Some new bands I learned about; Like Moths To Flames, Delta Rose, Lost In Atlantis, RDGLDGRN, and Ice Nine Kills.

There were also some rare gem moments throughout the festival. I like to look at all the different marketing angles of Warped Tour. They do a great job catering to music fans. Whether it's band members, such as, Ben from Crown The Empire giving a young early teenager girl music lessons (teaching her how to play drums) in the BandHappy tent, or For The Foxes giving a rare sit down acoustic performance in the Girls Garage (a lounge/vendor area promoting breast cancer awareness), or watching band members of Lost In Atlantis sign autographs.

This was by far the best organized Warped Tour that I have been to. It's great to see so many faces light up with live music. Many of the sets were about 25-30 minutes. As usual, the main attraction stages; they had dual stages set up next to the other. That way, for example, once The Ataris are finished with their set; blessthefall starts right into their set on the stage next door.

It was impossible to see every band you like; because there are so many stages. But, all in all, it was an awesome time and great event to be part of!

For more pics of Vans Warped Tour; check out my rock music blog on Tumblr titled, "Rock Miles Traveled." On Instagram; visit the hashtag #djkohlirocks.

Thank you for reading!

Two on the Aisle

Summer of Shakespeare Starts at the Elite

by Jim Spencer & Shirley Lorraine

When the season turns warm productions of Shakespeare come forth like gentle winds through the reeds.

This summer the Bard's words will be heard throughout Ventura County – in Oxnard, Ojai, Thousand Oaks and more, as many variations of his classic works are offered.

Yearning for comedy? Oxnard's Elite Theatre Company is presenting the first variation of the summer's offerings, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. One of old Will's most popular and enduring comedies, the play has all the classic elements one could want – several sets of star-crossed lovers, mischievous fairies, moonlight, a wandering band of well-worn actors searching for a place to perform their little morality play, and a man who turns into an ass.

Led by Mark Hein as Oberon, King of the Fairies, and Patrick Beckstead in the role of the cunning Puck, the action quickly gets out of hand. The story is full of twists, turns and complications, but true love ultimately prevails, and the various couples are none the wiser about the tomfoolery practiced by the fairy folk that guided the lovers' eventual course.

Directed by Elissa Anne Polansky, the Elite's production affords a wide range of actors, many very talented, an opportunity to be challenged by both the wit and cadence of Shakespeare's classic comedy, as well as the director's interpretations.

As Shakespeare's script is what would modernly be called as a romantic comedy, the exchanges and repartee between the various couples are often played in a lighthearted vein. In this production, there is a stronger emphasis on yelling, rather than subtlety, which makes it difficult to catch all the words and so some of the humor of the piece is lost or obscured.

Extensive effort has been devoted to the costumes and the extraordinary makeup (by Patrick Beckstead) and the whole tale is augmented by some original music composed by Shea Taylor, who also happens to play Lysander.

Are you an aficionado of the Old West? For another approach to the Bard try the *Taming of the Shrew* set in the era of the Wild West and performed in Ojai's Libbey Bowl on July 12-14, 2013. Directed by Allen Hunt, the production is the Second Annual Shakespeare in the Bowl event presented in the venue by the Thousand Oaks Repertory Company.

Elsewhere in the county, the Kingsmen Shakespeare Company will soon be entertaining fans under the stars with its outdoor productions of *The Tempest*, followed by Hamlet. Kingsmen Company directors Michael Arndt and Brett Elliott are sure to imbue each show with a twist that challenges our perceptions without altering the Bard's prose. In this endeavor they have been extremely successful over the years, introducing Shakespeare through genre-bending and creative imagery.

The Elite Theatre Company's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* continues until July 21 at the group's new and larger home in Channel Islands Harbor at the intersection of Victoria and Channel Islands Blvds. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets: $18-General, $15-Seniors and students. 483-5118. www.EliteTheatre.org.

Music Calendar 6/26 to 7/9

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

Amigos Cafe & Cantina
546 E. Main St., 805-874-2232
Live Bands and Musicians every Tue thru Sun
Wed 6/26 - Donna Greene & Roadhouse Daddys7:30pm
Thur 6/27 - Ventura Jazz Collective (Best Jazz Group Award Winner) 7:30pm
Fri 6/28 - Hard Times 9pm
Sat 6/29 - Tommy Marsh & Bad Dog 9pm
Sun 6/30 - Preston Smith 5pm

Blackbeard's Seaside BBQ
1591 Spinnaker Dr. #115, 805- 650-7773
Live Bands every Thur thru Sun
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 6/28 - A Fine Mess 7-11pm
Sat 6/29 - Loose Cannons 7-10pm
Sun 6/30 - Blue Stew 2-6pm

Bombay Bar & Grill
143 S. California St., 805-643-4404
Local Live Music every Thur thru Sun
Wed 6/26 - Blue Jam Session Hosted by Tommy Marsh 8pm
Thur 6/27 - Riley Real - CD Release 10pm
Fri 6/28 - Count Lorenzo 6pm, Shoemaker Brothers 10pm
Sat 6/29 - The Vonnets 7:30pm, ADD, StoneFlys, Lion Eyes 9pm
Sun 6/30 - Shoemaker Brothers 5pm
Wed 7/3 - Blue Jam Session Hosted by Tommy Marsh 8pm
Thur 7/4 - Live HipHop Show 9pm
Fri 7/5 - Count Lorenzo 6pm, Rubberneck Lions 10pm
Sat 7/6 - Shoemaker Brothers 5:30pm, Hindsite 10pm
Sun 7/7 - House Arrest 4pm

GiGi's Coctail 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
Sun 6/30 - Streetlight Manifesto, Rodeo Ruby Love, Empty Orchestra 8pm

Panaro Brothers Winery
4517 Market St, #7, 805-654-1577
Sun 7/6 - Saint Pierre - Beatles Tribute 2pm
Sat 7/6 - Brandi Rose Lentini 5pm

Sandbox Coffeehouse
204 E. Thompson Blvd., 805-641-1025
Thur 6/27 - Open Mic Night Hosted by Jammin' Joe 7:30pm - 9:30pm
Sat 6/29 - Celiea 12pm - 2pm
Sun 6/16 - Hard Times Band 12pm - 3pm
Sat 7/6 - Jacob & Jordan 12pm -2pm
Sun 7/7 - Walt Dunlop 12pm - 2pm

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
Wed 6/26 - Siren 10pm
Thur 6/27 - DJ Nick Dean 9pm
Fri 6/28 - Ground Zero, Paul Chesne 10pm
Sat 6/29 - Brian Shearer, We Funk 10pm

W2O Rooftop Lounge
598 E. Main St. (above Watermark) 805-643-6800
Live Bands every Wed thru Sun
Friday Dance Party every Fri 9pm
Fri 6/28 - Legalizers
Sat 6/29 - My Brothers Band

Yolies/Hi Hat Entertainment
138 W. Main St., 805-816-9663
Top Notch Musicians and Bands every Fri 8pm
Fri 6/28 - Lynwood Slim (Harmonica Jump Blues)
Fri 7/5 - Nathan James & The Rythm Scratchers (Guitar Blues)

Zoey's Café
185 E. Santa Clara St., 805-652-1137
Live Musicians & Bands almost every night
Thur 6/27 - Numbskull Productions Presents: Black Fag 7pm
Fri 6/28 - Deana Carter & Band, Shawn Jones 8pm
Sat 6/29 - Lauren Sexton - CD Release, Dysphoria 8pm
Tue 7/2 - Acoustic Open Mic Night hosted by Kyle Garcia
Sat 7/6 - Herb Pedersen & The Loafers Glory 7:30pm

VFS @ 420 East 2013

Runaway Train

Reviewed by Lorenzo DeStefano
Ventura Film Society

Runaway Train (Tuesday, July 2nd @ 7:15pm) is a seminal action film with Oscar-nominated performances by Jon Voight and Eric Roberts. The celebrated Russian director Andrei Konchalovsky takes us on a hypnotic and unforgettable ride. Oscar "Manny" Manheim (Voight) is a ruthless bank robber and hero to the convicts of Stonehaven Maximum Security Prison. After two previous escape attempts the doors to Manny's cell have been welded shut for three years. A court order compels Manny's nemesis, the vindictive Associate Warden Ranken, to release him back into the general prison population. Manny immediately sets his next escape plan into action. Manny recruits another convict, Buck (Roberts), to smuggle him out through the prison's laundry room. After a successful break and a freezing cross-country trek, they hop an idling train in a remote Alaskan rail yard and soon find themselves barreling through a snowy, desolate landscape with no brakes and, worse, nobody driving. Manny and Buck, like the audience, have no idea what's in store for them as this runaway train picks up speed.

The Ventura Film Society is proud to present *Runaway Train*, sponsored by Cynthia Loughman-Remax Gold Coast Realty, as the 11th of 21 feature films of our 5th season. The VFS thanks all of its patrons, donors, volunteers and sponsors for supporting our mission of bringing quality alternative films and filmmakers to Ventura. Screening, Membership and Advance Ticket Information on our 2013 season, running through December 3rd at 420 E. Santa Clara Street, is available at www.venturafilmsociety.com. For information call 628-2299 or info@venturafilmsociety.com for further information.

Linde Carlson is currently undergoing treatment for a popcorn and Jujube addiction, but her Silver Screen column will be back in the next issue.

Lighter Breeze

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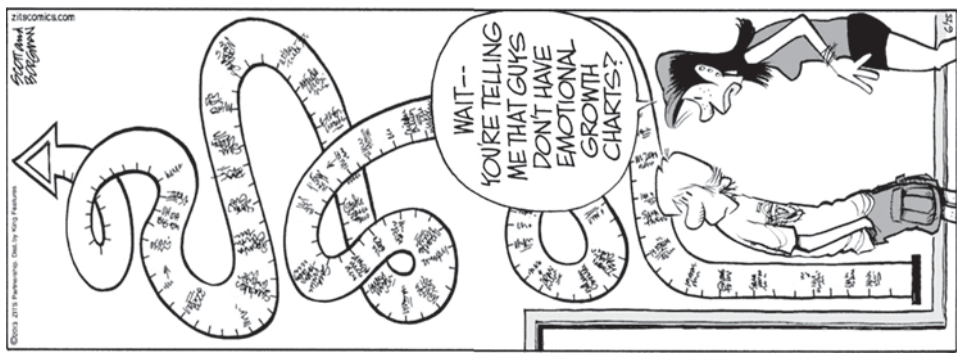

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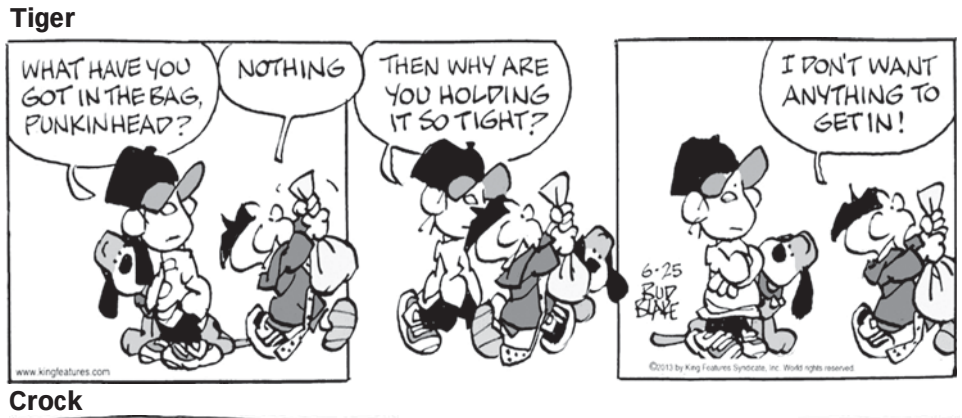

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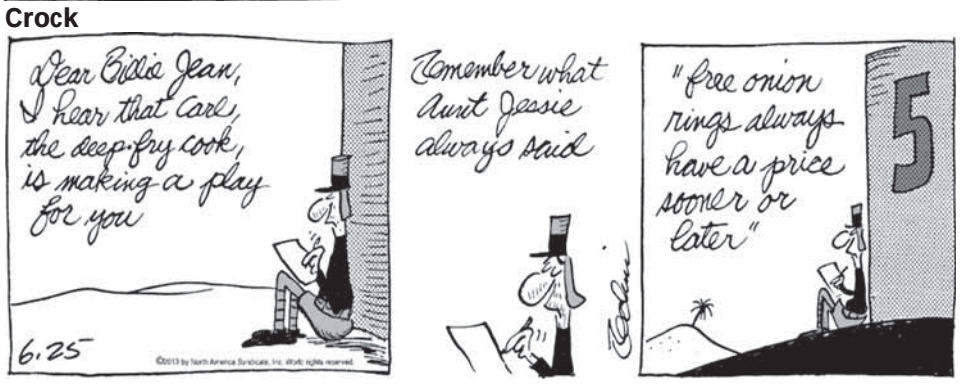

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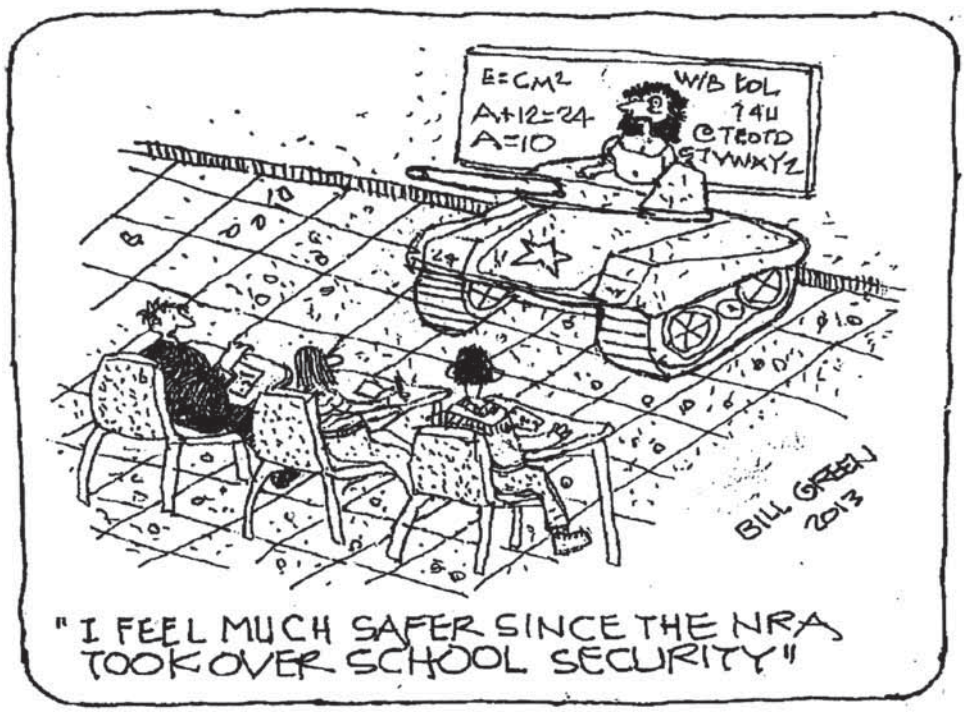

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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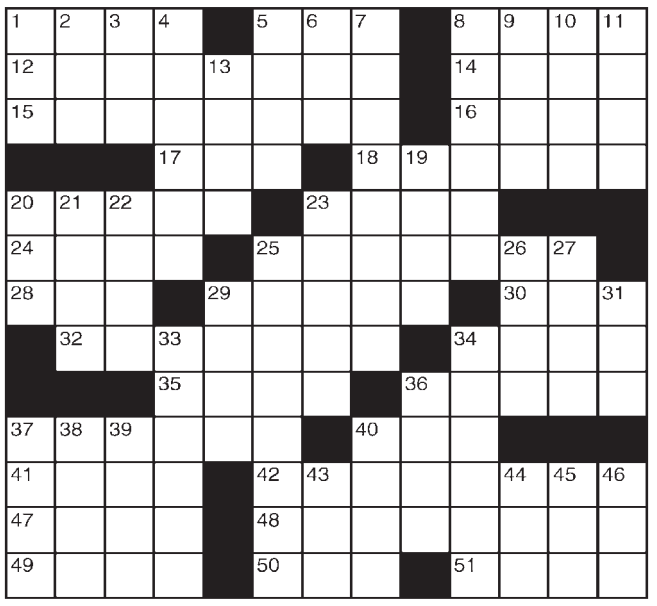

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23 "Beetle Bailey" dog
24 On in years
25 Luzon language
28 Neither mate
29 Command-ments bearer
30 Sheep's comment
32 First per-son to orbit the Earth
34 Gear teeth
35 Hits head-on
36 Cause, as havoc
37 Government in power
40 Cry of discovery
41 "American —"
42 "Madame Butterfly" setting
47 Lass
48 Shook in fear
49 Eyelid woe
50 Witness
51 Longings

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9 "— Karenina"
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13 Portent
19 Greek vowels
20 Skedaddled
21 Awestruck
22 Miles of Hollywood
23 Refuge
25 Persecutes
26 Reed instru-ment
27 Pop singer Lady —
29 Sir's partner
31 Request
33 Ornamental grating on a car
34 "White Christmas" crooner
36 "Kapow!"
37 Fixes illicitly
38 Rewrite, maybe
39 Blood-curdling
40 Curved molding
43 Exist
44 Brewery product
45 Barbie's companion
46 Egos' counterparts

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Salome's Stars

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be Sheepish about asking questions and demanding answers. You not only gain needed information, but also respect for your steadfast search for the truth.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A money problem that shows up early in the week is expeditiously resolved by savvy Bovines who know how to turn a momentary financial lapse into a monetary gain.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to shed negative energy-draining forces and develop a positive approach to handling current, as well as upcoming, personal and/or professional situations.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your urge to do your best on a current task is commendable. But don't let it become all-consuming. Spend some spiritually restorative time with those who love you.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This could be a good time for all you **Leo**s and **Leo**nas to take your bows for your recent achievements and then go off to enjoy some fun times with your prides and joys.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A negative response to a well-intentioned suggestion could communicate a sense of distrust you might later find hard to refute. Think carefully before reacting.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your loving attention comforts a family member who is feeling a bit out of sorts. But be careful to prioritize your time so you don't neglect your work duties.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your curiosity might be resented by some. But those who know you will support your penchant for never settling for less than the truth. So stay with it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A pesky situation from the past recurs, albeit in an altered form. Deal with it promptly before it can go from merely irksome to decidedly troublesome.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Don't wait too long to submit your proposals after giving them a last look-over. If necessary, you should be able to defend any portion called into question.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A bid to use your workplace dispute-settling skills in another situation is tempting. But be careful: You might not have all the facts you'll need if you agree to do it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That sense of self-doubt is so untypical of you, you should have no qualms in shaking it off. Remind yourself of all you've done and can do, and then do it again.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your ability to charm others without sacrificing sincerity is what makes people want to follow your leadership.

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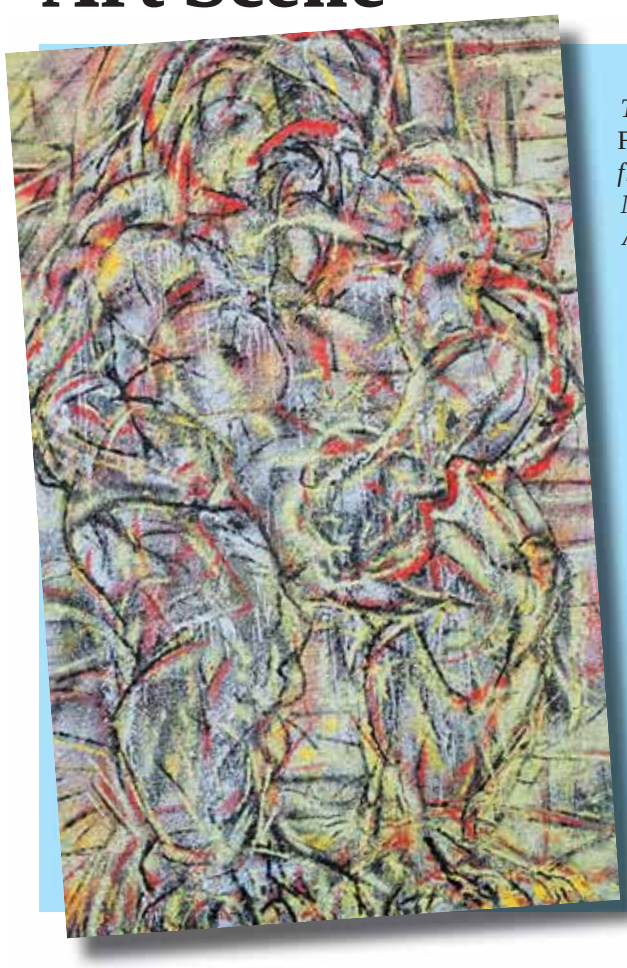
Art Scene



The Tool Room Gallery presents Found Figures *by Mike Nava from July 5 – August 16, 432 N. Ventura Ave. (inside Bell Arts Factory).*

This exhibition showcases the new work of Mike Nava. Mike Nava is a painter who lives and works in Ojai. He attended Santa Barbara City College, California College of the Arts in Oakland, as well as the Gnomon School of Special Effects in Hollywood. He develops the images in his acrylic paintings over time through a slow building of many layers. His work is influenced by the paintings of Leon Kossoff, Frank Auerbach and Willem de Kooning as well as those of many other artists he admires.

Arte Escapes – Art and Music Festival

It has been announced that Lotus Production's and Special Event's, will host Arte Escapes, a music and arts festival featuring top quality arts and craft vendors, entertainment and international cuisine. There will be a raffle, demonstrations, kids craft tent, educators and more.

The festival will be held Saturday, August 31st at the Hilton Hotel at 2000 Solar Dr., Oxnard, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Free admission and parking.

You will experience exciting entertainment from Ventura's top local talent, in a variety of music genre's, featuring AlphaWave, an exciting pop/R&B ensemble, well known belly dancing performer Kali Sundari, pop recording artist Chris Wooley, rising star Jacqui Johnson (an Adele inspired vocalist) and famed finger style/flamenco guitarist, Robbey Longley.

You will find all types of gifts and treasures from eclectic to antiques, new DIY and Indie-craft culture, fine arts, unique quality crafts, fashion, accessories, jewelry, commercial suppliers of the tools of the trade industry, henna artists, rocks and minerals, greeting cards, wine gifts, posters and prints, photography, body and bath products, candles, garden décor, glass, wood, ceramics, metal works, custom household items, sculpture, statuary, and stationery are just some of the custom products that will be available for purchase.

To inquire about exhibitor opportunities, visit their website at lotus productionsandspecialevents.com or call 485-3583.

Vita Art Center presents Gerd Koch with an opening reception on Friday, July 5 from 6-9 p.m. Exhibit dates July 5 through 27, 432 Ventura Avenue, Studio 30, www.VitaArtCenter.com, 644-9214

ArtWalk Ventura has named Gerd Koch 2013 Artist of Distinction.

The award will be presented on July 5th, during Koch's opening reception at Vita Art Center. Hours: Mon-Fri. from 10-5, weekends by appointment.

Art, a la Carte

The Buenaventura Art Association will present "The Birds of Bob Privitt: Dreaming of Flying," an exhibition of his drawings, assemblage and sculpture, in a solo show July 16-Aug. 10 at its downtown Ventura gallery.

Privitt, who lives in Thousand Oaks, taught art at colleges and universities for 40 years before retiring in 2004 from Pepperdine University in Malibu, where he capped 25 years with a two-year stint as artist-in-residence.

Privitt will attend an opening reception 4-7 p.m. July 20 and, ever the teacher, will present a special talk at a 5-8 p.m. reception Aug. 2 during First Fridays Ventura. Privitt's works have been chosen by jury in more than 100 national and regional exhibitions and earned awards in more than a third of them.

Buenaventura Gallery, 700 E. Santa Clara St., regular hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more information about the show or the nonprofit artists' cooperative Buenaventura Art Association, contact the gallery at 648-1235 or visit www.buenaventuragallery.org.

Featured next in the Buenaventura Art Association's downtown Ventura gallery is It's All About the Hike, *an exhibition of oils on canvas and canvas panels by plein-air painter Sparkle Taylor until July 13.*

"I've always loved the California impressionists — the great paintings done from the late 1800s through the 1940s," said the Simi Valley artist and graphic designer. The payoff for viewers is bright, colorful and boldly painted glimpses of "our local natural areas and town scenes," Examples of her painting and design work can be found at www.SparkTaylorArtAndDesign.com.

The Buenaventura Gallery, at 700 E. Santa Clara St., is open 11am-5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more information, call the gallery at 648-1235 or visit www.buenaventuragallery.org.

Greenock Lane as seen from Soder Point *by George Robertson.*

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This 'n' That

Besides being an outstanding student Sara is also an outstanding artist.

Students make college presentations

On May 13 students at DATA middle school made presentations to community leaders, on a one-on-one presentation as part of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program. AVID is a college readiness system for elementary through higher education that is designed to increase school-wide learning and performance. The AVID College Readiness System (ACRS) accelerates student learning, uses research based methods of effective instruction, provides meaningful and motivational professional learning, and acts as a catalyst for systemic reform and change.

DATA teachers Carol Cook and Jena Branstetter thanked the community leaders by stating:

"Thank you so much for taking the time from your busy schedules to meet our students.

"The few students who came into my room at lunch expressed enthusiasm for the entire interview process. The most positive comments came from students who participated both this year and last year. They said they felt more confident this year and enjoyed meeting their interviewers."

"DATA is very proud of the AVID program and we were pleased to introduce you to the college graduating classes of 2021 and 2022."

Suz Montgomery was one of the interviewers and said, "Thank you two for giving me the opportunity to participate in this wonderful program. The room was electric with the anticipation and enthusiasm from the students. I thoroughly enjoyed doing this exercise."

Breeze publisher Sheldon was also one of the community leaders and he listened to the presentation of 8th grade student Sara Rosene who thanked him for participating and listening to her college presentation.

"Dear Mr. Brown,

Thank you for taking time out of your morning to come interview me. I enjoyed talking to you, and I am happy you made the pointers you did. I will work on emphasizing what I do for community service and I will try to not look down on myself. Again, thank you."

Sincerely,

Sara Rosene"

Fundraiser for Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

The first annual Light the Night Ventura benefit for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will take place on June 30 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the historic Pierpont Inn. The community is invited to participate in this event to help raise much-needed funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

The evening will focus on international cuisine, with food and wine provided by local eateries and proprietors. Other highlights include local musicians and comedians who will provide entertainment during the event.

The suggested donation is $50 per person. Kids, 11 years and younger, are free.

"After being diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma in 2010, it dramatically changed my life," stated Michael Sullivan, Event Coordinator. "So many people are affected by blood cancer and the need for research is essential," continued Sullivan. "The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society has provided and continues to provide excellent patient services, working diligently to fund blood cancer research," added Sullivan.

To learn more about Light the Night Ventura, visit their website at http://pages.lightthenight.org/los/ventura13/TeamBrettMichael

For pre-sale tickets: http://pages.lightthenight.org/los/ventura13/aflavortriparoundtheworld

Light the Night Walk is the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's annual fundraising walk to pay tribute and bring hope to people battling cancer. Hundreds of thousands of participants raise funds for lifesaving research and patient services.

For more than 60 years the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) has been solely focused on people with blood cancers. Presently, there is more than $250 million committed to research across the United States and in ten other countries. Every dollar is provided by concerned donors to provide the best based science research.

Ventura job classes

Prior registration required by calling the Ventura Job & Career Center, 4651 Telephone Road, Ventura, 654-3435 to enroll. Career Shops are offered at no cost to job seekers.

Wednesday, July 3 - Power of VOS (Virtual OneStop), 9:00 am – 12:00 noon – Learn about the Virtual OneStop website and how you can use the various tools in the system to build your resume and customize your job search to a specific location and occupation. Must have basic computer skills.

Wednesday, July 17 - Resumes that Sell, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon - Hands-on workshop providing assistance in completing a resume, cover and thank-you letters. Walk away with a portfolio that shows off professional skills and experience.

Wednesday, July 24 - Winning Interviews, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon - Supplies the tools to make a lasting first impression when interviewing. Space is limited.

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Music & Entertainment
Wed. 6/26 Lady sings the Blues w/Donna Greene 7:30pm
Thu. 6/27 Ventura Jazz Collective 7:30pm
Fri. 6.28 Hard Times 9pm
Sat. 6/29 Tommy Marsh and Bad Dog 9pm
Sun. 6/30 Preston Smith 5pm
Tue. 7/2 Catfish and Doug Blues swing jam/open mic 8pm
Wed. 7/3 The Lady sings series with Tomi Janotta 7pm
Thu. 7/4 Deep Pockets/Funkyard 8pm
Fri. 7/5 The Swillys happy hour at 5pm then Joe Wilson from the R&B BOMBERS 9pm
Sat. 7/6 L.A. Rockers DEEP PINK 9pm
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