

PUBLISHER'S NOTE



Ashley Agron, Publisher

What a summer it's been! So many events have sprouted and blossomed these past three months, and you guessed it, we were there to cover them! We baked in the heat for the WINE FESTIVAL, and we danced our hearts out for the BLACK AND BLUE BALL., and the good times are still rolling. I only hope this issue will

bring more awareness and encourage more of you to come to these events. You will not only enjoy your self, you will also be helping those who need your support in the community. I outlined the next two months for you on the back of the magazine on our detailed calendar of events for September and October. There are no excuses folks!

Our theme of this issue is "The Meet Market". So If you are having trouble finding a special someone because of your work schedule or just a flat out homebody, we investigated this topic and have come up with great places to meet Mr./ Ms Right or Right now, depending on your interest. We are also very excited to have on board Carmen Naimish from Date Mate, a Santa Barbara Private Detective who will answer those questions that may come up once you find your potential partner. She has a foolproof way of saving your heart from breaking before you get too involved. This will be a reoccurring column in Social Scene Magazine. You will be able to ask Carmen NaimishQuestions and may read the answer in our next issue if selected. We thought this would be fun and informative for our readers since most of us meet many potential dates at our many events . We hope you like this September issue. Our next issue is sure to be even bigger and more exciting since you may be seen in Social Scene.

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14th ANNUAL BLACK & BLUE BALL

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July 23rd, 2006 at Fess Parkers Doubletree Resort

Voted by the people of Santa Barbara as the "Best Charity Event" for the past seven years. The Black and Blue Ball is a Black Tie to Blue Jeans event. This was a sold out crowd of over 1200 people that enjoyed music and danced the night away. The auction items were unsual and exciting. The items included a walk on role in a CBS show and a Richard Petty Driving experience and more. The entertainment included Teresa Russell and Cocobilli, DJ Mattty Matt, Rick Reeves and Eddie Money.

The monies raised at this event benefited the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. From wheelchairs, family support, cramps for kids, and research to find causes and cures for more than 40 neuromuscular diseases.

To find out more or to reach the Muscular Dystrophy Association of Santa Barbara go to their website: www.mdausa.org

For more pictures of this event please visit www.socialscenemagazine.com



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14th ANNUAL BLACK & BLUE BALL



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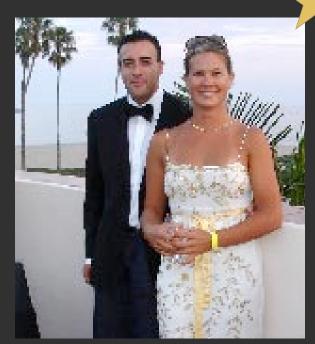
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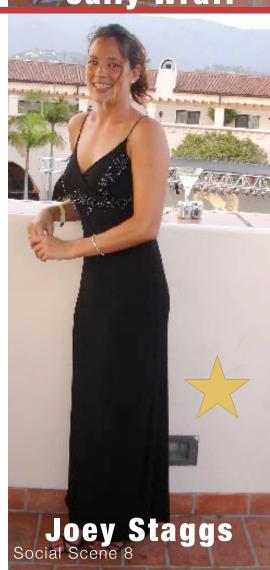






















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Brenda Papiernik & Joey Staggs

anta Barbara Museum of Art as you have never seen it before. Art, music, incredible cocktails and of course the who's who in Santa Barbara.

Everyone is dressed to impress. This was a fun way to spend a beautiful Thursday evening.

For more pictures of this event please visit socialscenemagazine.com



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Santa Barbara's new swanky nightclub and restaurant, Couchez, is the place to be and be seen. When you walk through the doors you get the feeling that you just stepped into a club in the south of France. Ben Karntzman & Davin Mantel-Hecathorn

There are beds for lounging and an outside dance floor. The food is modern French cuisine with a twist. The food is truly incredible. What a great experience. For more information on this

event visit www.clubcouchez.com











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Daryl Lantz & Heraldo Souza.









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Anne & Kirk Douglas



Kirk Douglas with Gena Rowlands with Friend and Anne Douglas



Lisa Loiacono & Christopher Lloyd

irk Douglas

Interviewing the Executive

Director of the Santa Barbara International Film

Festival.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FILM

On Sunday, July 30th, the Santa Barbara International Film Festival paid tribute to film legend Kirk Douglas. This incredibley exciting star studded event was held at the bacara resort and spa. Rowlands, Christopher Lloyd, producer Andy Davis (fugitive) and the honored Hollywood icon Kirk Douglas and his lovely wife stolling down a red carpet greeting guests and the media. Gene Rowlands was the presenter of the awards of excellence for Mr. Douglas

There was a cocktail reception and sit down dinner. The audience was entertained with highlights of Kirk Douglas' career of over thrity years. There was an estimated 400 to 500 guests present in his honor.

This was the inaugural Kirk Douglas award for excellence in film and it will be presented annually to a highly accomplished member of the film community.

This pristegeous event included SB Intl Film Fest Memebers Roger Durling, Josh Murray, Mary Lynn Harms and Christopher Johnston in attendance.



Distinguished Gene Montesano restaurateur and prominent Santa Barbara businessman enjoyed the evening with Mr Douglas and friends.



Roxy Solakian, Mary Anne Contreras, Jelinda DVorzon, & Nina Terazin, Nancy Barry, Daryl Stegall, Kyle Brace, Cheryl Doty & Pamela Massey



Larry & Wendy Barels, Kimberlee Weil and Mark Sylvester



Carol Burnett



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INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL GALA TRIBUTE cont'



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Oprah Winfrey



The 100 Commitee Luncheon

featured Nobel Peace Prize recipient Wangari Maathai at a private Hope Ranch

Estate. The event raises scholarship funds for girls to attend enriching after school and summer programs.



Jean-Marie Hamel & Sheila Zimmermann Board President of Girls Inc



Volunteers - Karen Ko, Michelle Faure, Kristiana Webster, Lucy Stevens & Beth Cleary (in front).



Sheila Zimmerman, Anne Pless & Alice Sykes

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Dr. Lauri Bolt, Josephina Franceschini & James Bechtel



Noble Peace Prize Winner Dr. Wangari Maathai



Kisa Heyer, Karen Caufield, YoungSong & Richard Martin, & Sandi Nichson



Host Betty Stephens with Rhonda Shea Kley



Co-Chair Lisa Loiacono, Jessica Schamaen & Christopher LLoyd.

100 Commitee Luncheon



Monica Spear Executive Director of Girls Inc with friends



Sarah Stokes, Monica Spear, Laura Nixon & Nancy Barry



Supporters of Girls Inc enjoying their afternoon.



Margo Wagner, Linsay Massasella & Elena



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MAD HATTER LUNCHEON

FESS PARKERS DOUBETREE RESORT WAS THE SETTING FOR THE MAD HATTER LUNCHEON ON MAY 25. THE THEME WAS "HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD". THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT BENEFITED THE TRANSITION HOUSE. FOR MORE INFO CALL 805 682-6516.



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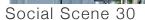
It is easy to get around the Island using public transportation, bikes, rental cars or just walking.

There are numerous B&B's, Inns, Hotels and Resorts, Guest Houses and Cottages.

Restaurants are plenty and they include clambakes. Private chefs are available to come to your cottage if you prefer.

For entertainment on the island there are bars and night clubs, boating, fishing, golf, museums and nature walk to name a few. There are several art and antique dealers that offer items that are har to find East or West Coast.

Island Pursuit is where East Coast trends meet West Coast trends



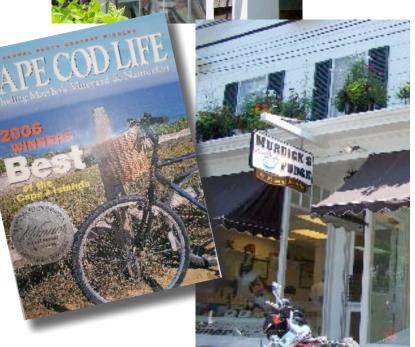
There are many scenic beaches that vary from protected, shallow, clear water stretches on the northern and eastern sides of the island to expanses of rumbling surf along the south side.

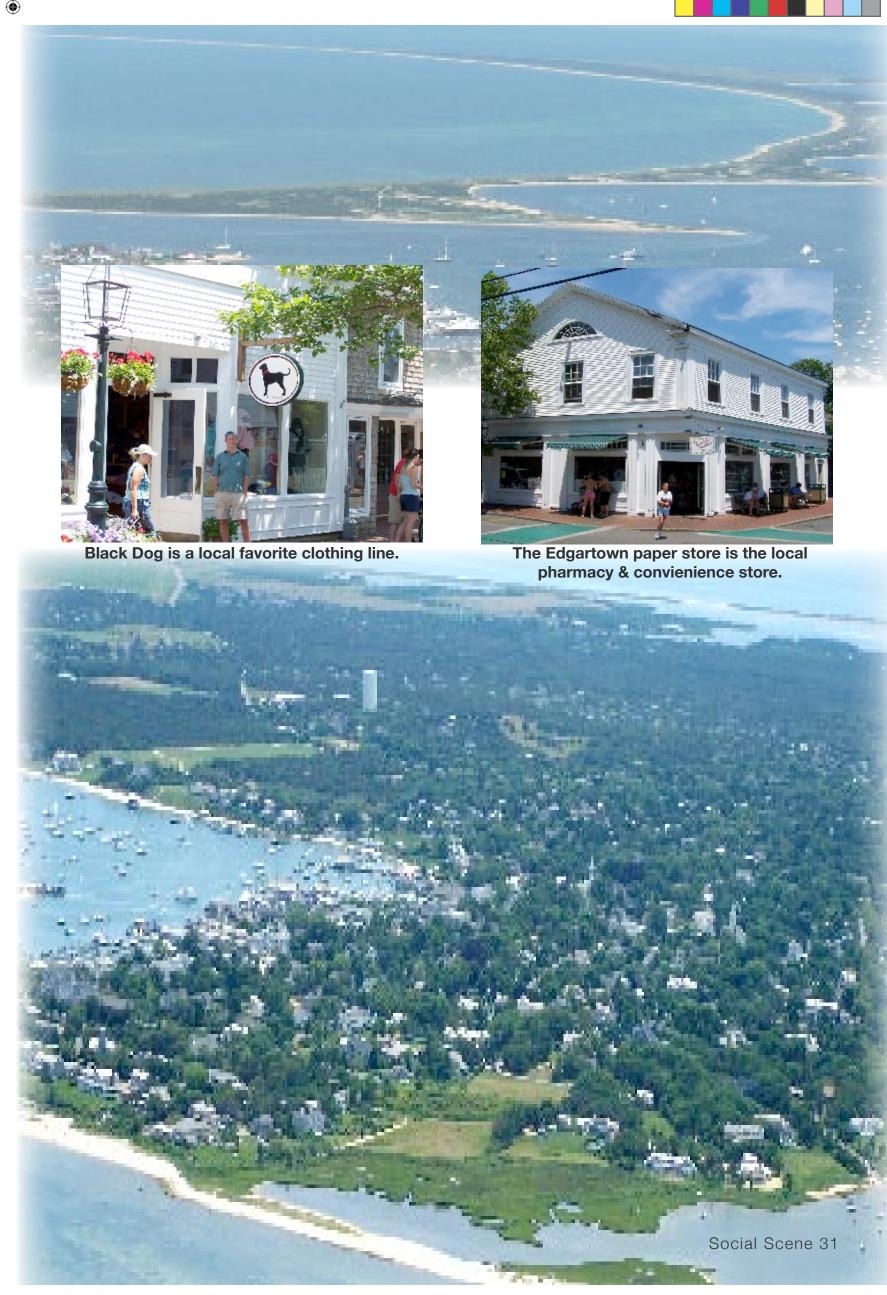
Many towns in the vinyard offer mooring, marina, launch and fuel services. While sailing around the island you will see the lighthouses that bring out the charm of this island setting.

Any time of the year is fun on the vineyard but we fee the best times is July through September. The 4th of July is quite the celebration. Great weather and the towns are filled with excitement.











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is a wicker basket with an elephant tusk starting

at \$1000. There are several Black Dog and Vine-

yard Vines stores on the island. These two stores

are favorites of frequent visitors of the islands. The

nightlife includes people mostly in the age range of

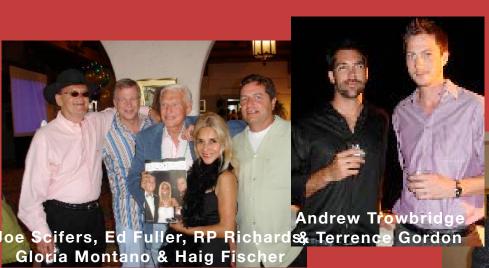
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ON JUNE 2ND, SOCIAL SCENE **MAGAZINE INTRODUCED THEIR FIRST ISSUE AT THEIR LAUNCH PARTY AT** THE CABRILLO ARTS PAVILLION. THERE WERE ABOUT 275 GUESTS THAT CAME TO JOIN THE PUBLISHER **ASHLEY AGRON AND HER MAGAZINE** STAFF. THE THEME OF THE EVENING WAS "MARDI GRAS AFTER ALL BALL". THIS WAS A TRIBUTE TO THE FALL AND **RISING UP AGAIN OF NEW ORLEANS** AFTER BEING DESTROYED BY HUR-**RICANE KATRINA. SOCIAL SCENE HAD COVERED THIS STORY IN THEIR FIRST ISSUE.GUESTS ENJOYED FOOD BY** PALACE GRILL. THERE WAS DANCING **ALL NIGHT TO CAJUN MUSIC. AUCTION** ITEMS HAD A NEW ORLEANS THEME. A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS OF THIS **NIGHTS EVENTS WENT TO THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. SOCIAL SCENE MAGAZINE HELPS TO CELEBRATE IN PRINT, MANY OF THE SOCIAL AND CHARITY EVENTS IN SANTA BARBARA AND THOSE FASCI-**NATING PEOPLE WHO ATTEND THEM.





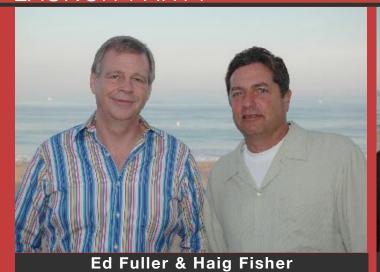
Larry Crandall & Maureen Agron

John Palmenteri
& Ashley Agron

Some of the 275 guests ome of the 275 guests that gathered at the Cabrillo Pavill of Arts to celebrate the launch of Social Scene Magazine Lorriane Wilson // /Jill & Joan Friend & Molly Houston Marisi Bedrosian Shannel Le<mark>e,</mark> Lisa Goe (on right) and friend wing her Mardi Gras mask Mihaella

SOCIAL SCENE MAGAZINE'S LAUNCH PARTY

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Errol Williams, Andy Lehman, Chanceycalhoun & Ginn De LosReyes the Zappers









Andrea Le Jeune, Meghan, Perrodin, Katie Dougherty, Christine McMillan







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MARITIME MUSEUM



Alice Krebs **Barry Schuyler for all their** support and service for the maritime museum. The dinner was catered by **Chucks. There was dancing** and fine wines for everyone to enjoy.

Carole Thompson & Peggy Wiley



Maritime Museum Annual Gala

Maritime Museum Annual Gala

Gala was to honor Jean &

was held at the museum. The

Jeney & Jim McCoy



Richard & Thekla Sanford



Honorees, Jean & Barry Schuyler



June & Jorgen Kjaenpe



Christine Emmons, Hiroko Benko, Lady Ridley-Tree & Joan Bebb



Graham & Laurel Phillips, & Roger Chrisman



Scott & Joanne Gordon, Cheryl & John Lambrecht



Chuck & Stephanie Slosser



Pat Heinz & Sigrid Toye (Gala Co-Chairs)



Nancy Hutterer, Amanda Thoman (President of the Board for Maritime Museum) & Karl **Hutterer (Natural History Director).**



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Meet Market

SINGLE? NOT FOR LONG. WHERE TO MEET THE LOVE OF YOUR LIFE IN SANTA BARBARA AT ANY AGE!

ometimes it seems impossible to meet the right person. Sometimes it seems impossible to meet ANY person that you want to spend your weekend with. Social Scene Magazine has researched the best places to meet your better half in Santa Barbara. Lets start with our list of 10 best meeting your partner spots.



1. Santa Barbara Polo Club

The Santa Barbara Polo Club is the place to meet incredibly handsome men on horseback or the beautiful women watching them. Truly this club is relatively inexpensive to join as a social member. If you don't want to join but want to get a feel for those who hang out and brunch here, come on a Sat or Sun and sit along side the field. Bring your own lunch or join in for the Brunch that is very reasonable and the food and drinks divine. Great meeting place for all ages. A lot of fun.



2. Volunteer

Yes, volunteer your precious free time. Not only can you meet someone that may interest you socially but you will be helping others as well. There are many interesting places to volunteer. Want to meet a doctor, a paramedic, a nurse, the hospital is full of them and they need volunteers desperately. Interested in dedicated, unselfish types, Direct Relief and other organizations would welcome you with open arms. Interested in the more serious political or legal eagle type, join the teams that are helping the candidates running for office.



3. Starbucks and the Daily Grind seem to be obvious ones but get there early. The morning is when the routine crowds gather. Decide which one you like best and make it your daily routine. Before you realize it you will be sharing a newspaper with someone of interest.



4. Santa Barbara Young Professionals Club

What an amazing group of people. Smart and yet they know how to party. This group of business people of all ages meet once a month to get together and mingle. Great way to find a date and a job.



5. Santa Barbara Muesum of Art

The SB museum of art has monthly gatherings and mixers. Once a month they have an amazing mixer at the museum that is packed with art lovers and people who just want to meet other people in an interesting place.

Great for all ages. Fun and tasteful evening.

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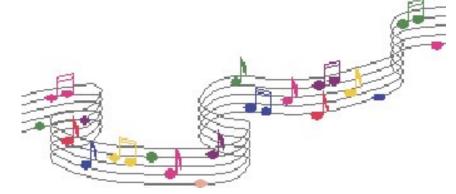
6. Sports

Join a team sport. Soft ball or bowling. Sailing or surfing are great ways to meet the sun lovers. Gyms are fun but men try yoga, girls try kickboxing. Take a sport that gets you involved in a sport that your potential other half would love. UCSB offers programs that you can join in even if your not a regular student. Great for all ages because you have students to professors to mingle with.



I suggest borrow a dog if you don't have one. Butterfly beach is very good on the weekend. Henrys Beach everday if you like surfer types. Dogs seem to attract very caring people who you will at least have one common interest.





7. Fundraisers

These are fun to go to and again a way to help others that need it. A great way to see what your potential date will look like in a tux or a gown. It can be a very romantic way to meet the right person. Someone as giving as you may be at the next table.

8. Dance

There are several dance studios as well as classes at the university and city college. You are guarnteed a partner at least for an hour. Good exercise too.

10. Private Parties

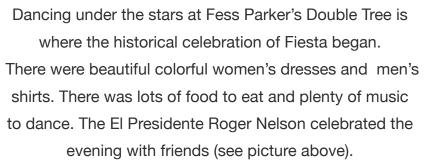
Throw a party at your home and make your invitee bring at least one single friend. No solo entry allowed. No dates allowed. Only singles bringing singles. Lots of fun and you don't have to worry about asking if they are taken.



PRESIDENTE - THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY

El Celebracion de los Dignatarios or "Celebration of the Dignitaries"



















El Celebracion de los Dignatarios was an incredibly original evening. Fiesta lovers got to meet and greet the Mayor and members of the city council. The celebration was held at the colorful and exciting Santa Barbara Zoo. The party featured music, dancing, and food from twelve of the local leading restaurants in Santa Barbara.

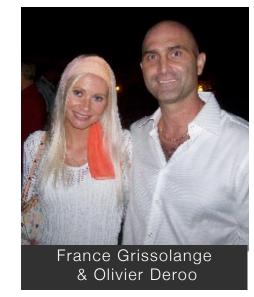




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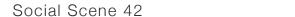


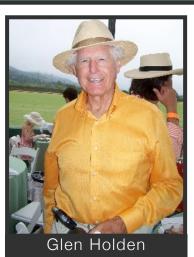




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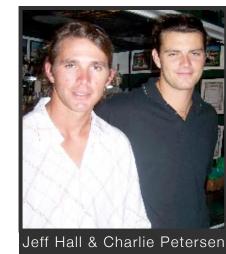
USPA AMERICA CUP FINALS

What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon. The breeze of the ocean and the sun shining down on the beautifully manicured grounds of the Santa Barbara Polo Club. There is a member's field-side brunch and the non members enjoyed a picnic style lunch.

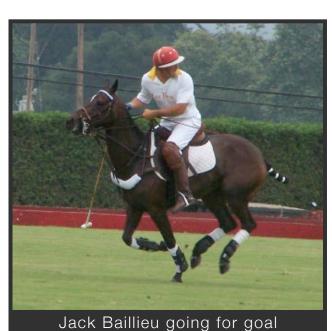
Anyone can experience the excitement of six fast paced chukkers with the most sucessful players of the game. Come for Brunch at the clubhouse and then enjoy the games. The Polo Club offers a social membership where you can have a reserved box seat in your name. Included in the social membership is Sunday Brunch, clubhouse bar facilities, an invitation to all social activites and of course you private box.

To reach the Polo Club for more information Call 805-684-3093 or visit the field located at 3375 FOOTHILL RD., CARPINTERIA.









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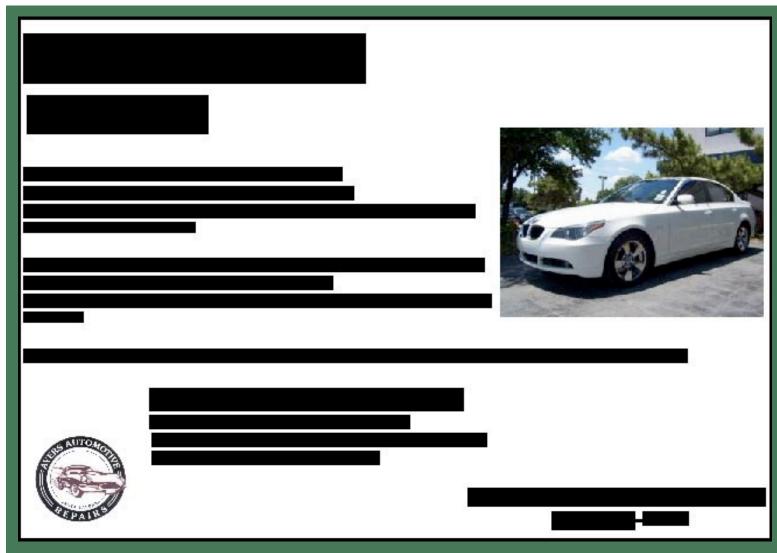












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KID'S 1ST FOUNDATION





XXI CENTURY KIDS 1ST FOUNDATION

The Bacara Resort was the setting for the Kids First Gala. As the sun was setting the guests, which included many top athletes such as , Ernie Banks "Mr. Cub" and Jerome Bettis "The Bus" attended to support this great cause. This event started with hors doerves, cocktails and a silent auction. After an exquisite dinner, Ernie Banks is now a motivational speaker and enlightened us with his words.

The dream of co founders Dan Kass and Larry Moriarty is to make a difference for XX1 Century Kids by using their experience and network of business and sports contacts to help kids and kids athletic programs in local and national arenas. For more info contack XX! Century Kids 1st foundation 805-685-5612

















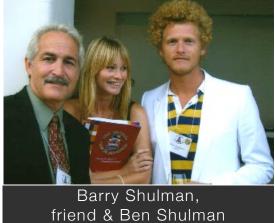








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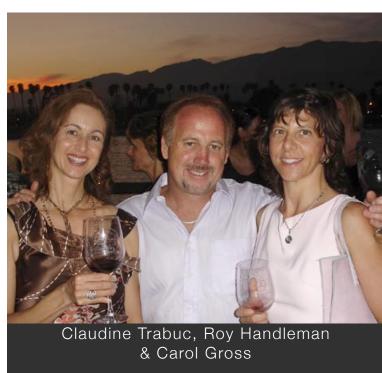
PRE-PARTY FOR THE "RED , WINE, AND BLUES" FESTIVAL

SUNSET RESERVED TASTING AT THE TY WARNER SEA CENTER WAS THE SETTING FOR THE "RED, WINE, AND BLUES" FESTIVAL PRE PARTY. THERE WAS WINE TO TASTE AND DELICIOUS FOODS TO SAMPLE. THE FOOD WAS PROVIDED BY SUCH RESTAURANTS AS THE CHASE BAR AND GRILL AND LAZY ACRES NEW CATERING SERVICE. THE EVENING WAS CERTAINLY A SUCCESS WHICH CARRIED OVER TO THE NEXT DAYS EVENTS ON THE BEACH.



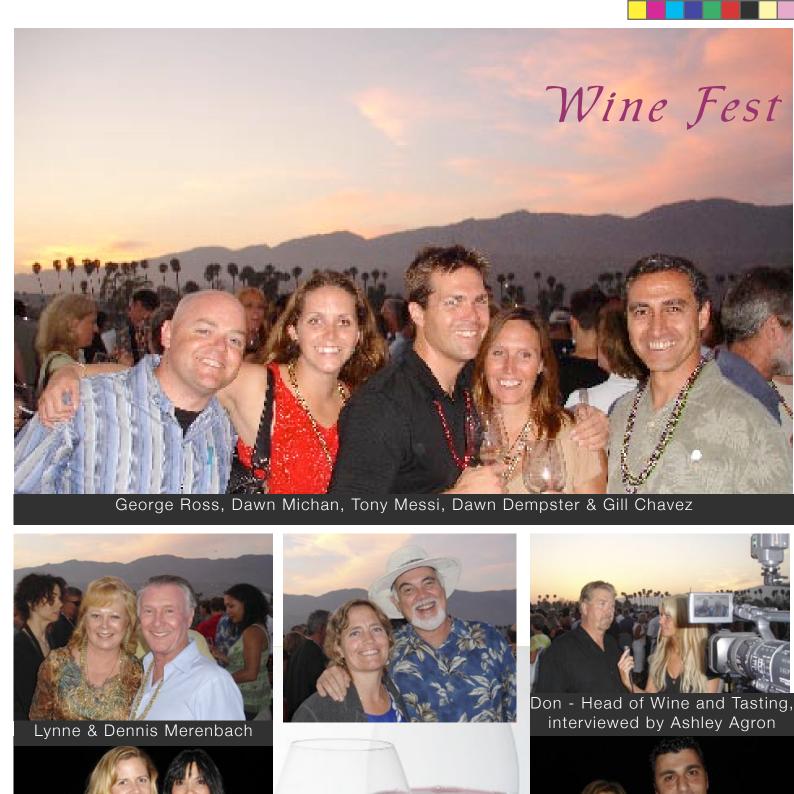




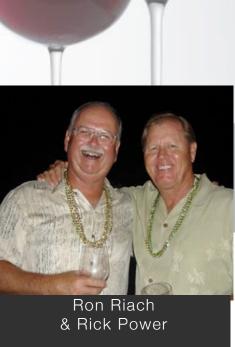












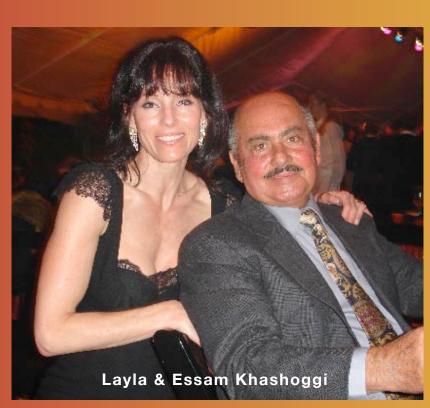


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FIREBALL 2006 FIREFIGHTERS ALLIANCE

The 2nd annual gala fundraiser benefited the city and county firefighters. The gala was held May 20th under the stars of an exclusive estate in Hope Ranch. The firefighters were joined by their supporters for an evening of elegance which included fine dining and dancing. Thanks to the help of the generous donations the Fireball raised \$260,000 to help purchase fire equipment. The Battalion Chief Sponsors were Betty J. Stephens, Judith Hopkinson and Bill and Sandi Nicholson. The Fire Chief Sponsors were Essam and Layla Khashoggi, Patricia Gregory and Terry Ryken.





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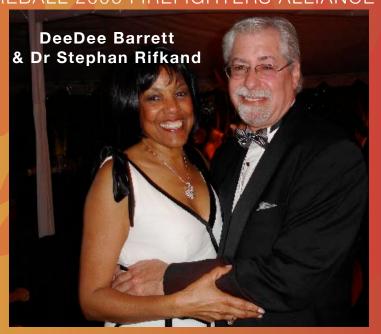






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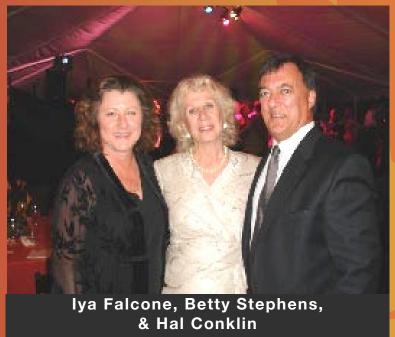




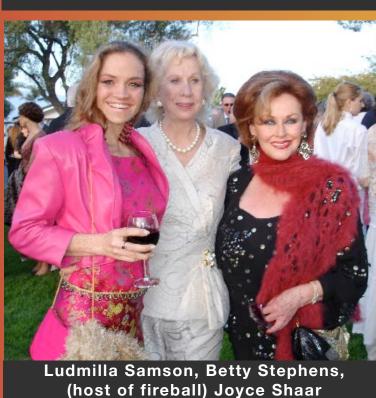


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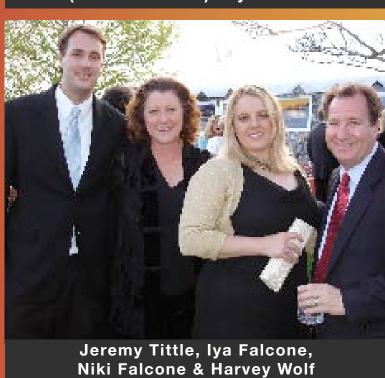
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INAUGURAL ATHLETES AGAINST AUTISM GOLF TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY CADILLAC

The Inaugural Athletes Against
Autism Golf Tournament took place
at the Bacara Resort and Spa and

Sandpiper Golf Club

Sandpiper Golf Club in Santa Barbara, Ca. on Sunday June 25th and Monday June 26th, 2006.

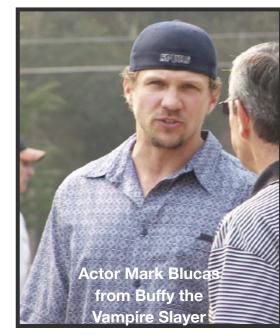
The Cure Autism Now Foundation was founded by NHL Hockey players Olaf Kolzig, Byron DaFoe and Scott Mellanby.

Participating in the tournament was over 30 professional athletes and celebrities coming together to raise awareness about autism and to raise the funds needed to support "Cure Autism Now's" research initiatives. The Sunday dinner which included various auction items raised \$43,000. The Sunday golf tournament raised over \$200,000.

The two day event concluded with a BBQ dinner and awards reception and a chance to meet and mingle with the current and former professional athletes. If you are interested in finding out more about Cure Autism Now email them at; aaa@cureautismnow.org







Brent Johnston of the Washington Capitals with

Ashley Agron



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The Date Detective "Who's lying next to you?" BEFORE YOU DATE INVESTIGATE



By Denise lest

"This relationship seems too good to be true."

Has that thought ever crossed your mind? Maybe a friend has voiced the same concern after you have told them all about your latest love interest. If so, before you go any further, you might want to investigate your date.

Based in Santa Barbara, California Licensed Private Investigator, Carmen Naimish, says that 80 percent of the time you or your friend's suspicions will turn out to be true. And, she says that it is important to trust your instincts no matter how charming your prospective date seems to be. She advises to be aware of the "red flags." These include that uneasy feeling in the pit of your stomach, secretive behavior, or solicitations for money.

The founder of DateSmart.com and a pioneer in the dating background check industry since 1997, Naimish says you can never be too careful when dating, whether you've met someone on-line, at a neighborhood barbeque, or even if you've been

formally introduced through friends. In fact, she says she wants you to consider her as your friend. "Think of me as someone who will discreetly tap you on the shoulder and follow through with that nagging feeling, that issue you just can't quite put your finger on," she says.

"Most of us desire a loving, trusting relationship and sometimes can blind ourselves to the truth by unintentionally ignoring red flags," Naimish says. "You would want to know all the facts in making a business decision, why not with your heart? Both have consequences. I prefer my clients have pleasant ones. No surprises."

Naimish, who has clients throughout the country as well as internationally, says the majority of them are between the age of 30 and 75 and approximately 60 percent are female. Most are successful professionals and don't have time to date inappropriate people. They want to eliminate the "I-wish-I'd-known factor." Almost everyone that calls her says, "I wish I knew about you last year, or five or ten years ago." The bottom line is that if a person lies about one thing, they'll probably lie about other things. Naimish wants to cut it off at the pass, before it's too late and you've become involved with the wrong person. Case in point: Naimish has a client that always calls her before getting involved with someone. Recently the client called her regarding her new beau that claimed he was divorced. Most of his claims checked out, but Naimish couldn't find any record of divorce. When she advised the client of such, the client specifically asked the man three times about being divorced before he finally confessed that he was still married. His explanation: His wife was terminally ill and he didn't have to heart to divorce her and leave her without medical insurance. "I can't count the number of times I hear similar stories," says Naimish. "They always have some type of tragedy associated with the lie."

Naimish's motto is "If you date...investigate." Here are some of the red flags you'll find on her website DateSmart.com:

- Does it seem too good to be true?
- Is there something you can't quite put your finger on?
- Do they claim their "ex" and/or parents are deceased?
- Are they secretive or elusive regarding their past?
- Have they asked you for money or use of credit cards?
- Have they given you expensive gifts early in the relationship?

If you answered, "yes," to any of these questions contact Naimish at DateSmart.com before you go any further with this person. She will work personally and directly with you. She starts her investigation by asking you for the following information: his or her full name (a middle name or initial is helpful), date of birth (or approximate age), and their current address (or at least the city). If possible, how long they've lived at that address, as well as their previous address.

Other information she might ask for includes: marital status, if they own their home or if they rent, and whether you have met or have any knowledge of their family members. She'll want to know if there is something you are particularly concerned or curious about.

"All communications with my clients and the information I gather is kept strictly confidential," says Naimish. "The person investigated will have no knowledge that someone has conducted a background check on him or her."

Often her clients are parents or adult children who have concerns about the person their loved one is dating. A few months ago an investi-

gation lead to the discovery that a client's mother, who had met a man on-line, was actually being scammed out of money through an elaborate international scheme. Other investigations have lead to actually stopping a wedding last minute! "You just can't be too careful," says Naimish. Her best piece of advice? "Trust yourself," she says, "if you feel something is wrong, you're probably right."

Carmen Naimish is the District Governor for the Central Coast of the California Association of Licensed Investigators; a member of the World Association of Detectives and the National Council of Investigation & Security Services; she has been featured in many publications including PEOPLE, Cosmopolitan, USA Today, San Francisco Chronicle, and Detroit Free Press. She has been a guest on numerous radio talk shows and is a contributor to a variety of books on the subject of dating. She was recently a guest speaker at the Internet Dating Conference in San Francisco, California. Her fees typically start around \$500. She can be reached at 805-745-1520.

Are you dating someone who seems too good to be true? Are red flags waving? If so, we'd like to hear from you. E-mail your questions to the Date Detective at contact@datesmart.com, write to her at P.O. Box 122, Santa Barbara, CA 93102, or visit DateSmart.com. Social Scene Magazine will publish a few of our readers' questions in our next issue along with advice from the Date Detective. (All questions will be handled on a strictly confidential basis. No names will be used. Some questions may be edited for length and content.)

WHAT CLIENTS SAY

"I wish I could have know about you before I was taken, played, and practically destroyed."

"I want you to know how fortunate I feel to have come across you. I will forever advise anyone that is going to commit to anyone or anything to go to you first."

"Your services
have definitely been
a positive in my life and
have prevented catastrophe. My heart and mind
are forever in your
debt."

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Zoofari Ball XXI

The theme of this year's gala was flights of fancy. The gala featured al fresco cocktails, silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing.

The gala was held on the grounds of the beautiful Santa Barbara Zoo. The evening began at 5:30 p.m. with signature cocktails in the Zoo courtyard, before moving to the grassy lawn near the Cats of Africa exhibit. Here partygoers enjoy cocktails and tasty hors d'oeuvres and bid on silent and live auction items. At 7:30 p.m., guests proceed up to the hilltop, where a large tent awaited them. An exotic dinner was served while listening to music by Jana and the One. There will also be a live auction.

More than 400 guests attend this event. The theme was safari attire. This is one of Santa Barbara's most important social events, and a major fundraiser for the Zoo.

Proceeds benefit the Zoo's animals and visitors.



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Zoofari Ball XXI



















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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
"Harvest of Colors '06 Quilt Show " 10am "Back to the Bayou 3pm-6pm At Rancho dos Pueblos \$150 805-966-1316 Polo Brunch 1-3 pm		"Wish you were Here'06: Postcard Preview and Ad- vanced Bidding To benefit the Arts Fund At Noon	4	"Wish you were Here'06: Postcard Preview and Ad- vanced Bidding To benefit the Arts Fund At noon	"Wish you were Here'06: Postcard Preview and Advanced Bidding To benefit the Arts Fund At Noon Polo Club: Octoberfest dinner and dance- all members welcome	7 Chumash Inter- tribal Pow-wow To benefit Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians At 10 am
"Annual Cancer Center Walk/run" At 8:30 am "Chumash Inter- tribal Pow-wow" At 10 am "Polo Match: "Wish you were here '06: Orient Express"	8	10 "Nonprofit Support Center Art Show" At 5pm	11	12	13	"Red Feather Ball" At the Bacara resor and spa \$300 6pm to midnight 805-965-8591 Ladies in red and red feathers everywhere. Find food, drinks, auction, music and dancing
"Polo match: Wickenden Cup Finals" 1 and 3 pm End of the season Cocktail Party	16	17	"SB Young Professionals October Luncheon" 11:30 to 1pm at The Palace	19	"Plant Sale Preview Party" at the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden Hors d'oeuvres & silent auction items 4-6pm \$40 Call 805-682-4726	"Girls Inc 3rd Annual 5k Family Fun run/ walk" 7:30 am 805-963-4757
22 "5th annual Taste of the Vine"Sansum Diabetes Research Institute 805-682-7640	23	24	25	26	27	28
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3 Sundaze at 4pm Rooftop of Hotel Andalucia Description Full Bar, beautiful dancers and poolside dj	4 Labor day	5	8 Santa Barbara Young Professionals New Member breakfast at 7-8 am at Northstar Co. www.sbypc.org	7	8"Z00-B-QUE" 4:30-7:30pm www.sbzoo.org 805-962-5339 "Mexican Independence Day Festival" At Oak Park 11am to 6pm 805-899-9215	9"AHA Heartwalk 805-680-8515 "Elings Park Baseball Opening" 805-569-5611 "Sings like Hell" Reservations 805- 963-0761
"Taste of the Town" Riviera Park 805-892-5556 "Wedding Faire" santabarbarabridalexpo.com "Bonnie Raitt sb-bowl.com	"Golf Tournement: Annual Fiesta on the Fairways" Glen Annie Golf Course 10:30 am to 8pm www.sbchamber. org 805-965-3023	12	13	14	CALM Antique show and sale" 805-898-9715 www.earlwarren. com Danish Days Celebration in Solvang solvangusa.com	16Sandcastle and Sculpting Festival 805-966-3979 "Spiritual Film Festival" 805-544-9663 " Taste of Carpin- teria" 2pm 805-684-6364 "CALM Antique s how and sale"
"Dancing w/Stars" 805-957-1115 ext.123 "Bread & Roses Community Dinner and Auction"805- 962-9164 "Bunny Festival" 805-683-0521 Polo Brunch 1-3pm	18	19	20	21 "Nights!" At the Santa Barbara Museum of Art 5:30pm to 8pm	Los Alamos Good Old Days" Los Alamos Chili cook-off, parade, car show and musicwww. losalamosvalley. com	"Computer Show" at Earl Warren Show- grounds 10-8pm "Taste of Ojai" Food Festival 4 to 7pm www.ojaicham- ber.org
"Renaissance Faire" Lake Casitas 10 am - 6pm www.goldcoastfes- tivals.com "Bouillabaisse Festival" www.brander.com, www.hospiceofsan- tabarbara.org Polo Brunch 1-3pm		26	27	"Old Town Harvest Festival" State street 5-9pm www.santabar- baradowntown. com	29	"Smithsonian Museum Day" 805-965-0093 "Natural History Museum" 805-682-4711 "Book and Author Festival" 805-962-9500



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