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Cheerfully Yours,  
Ashley Agron



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Nonye Ogoamaka and  
Marsha Bailey



Lauren Katz, Shirley  
Lehrer, and Friend.

## Jewish Women's Lunch

Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara

### Women's Philanthropy Lunch

Over 200 women joined together at Fess Parkers Doubletree Resort to celebrate women's work in the Jewish community and honor several women of valor. The mission of the Jewish Federation of Greater Santa Barbara is to create and advance a cohesive Santa Barbara Jewish community by promoting identification and connectedness to the Jewish community.



Julie Solomon and Ruth  
Richter



Amanda Grijalva,  
Judy Egenolf, Judi Weisbart,  
and Eileen Randall



Jenny Hoffman and  
Vanessa Pelton



Brenda Campbell and  
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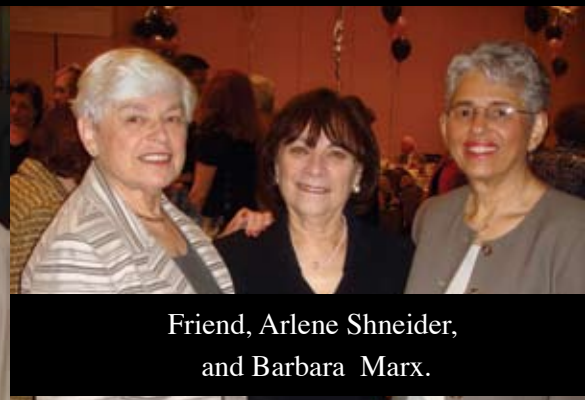
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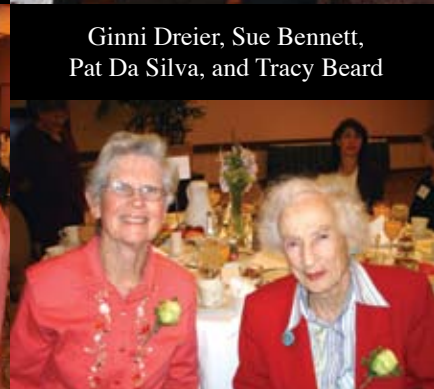
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and Barbara Marx.



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Jean Schuyler  
and Carnzu Clark



# Solstice Celebrity Waiter Dinner Pascucci's

The Solstice Celebrity Waiters lunch was held at the quaint Italian restaurant on State St. called Pascucci's. The celebrities consisted of counsel persons, the mayor, and prominent business people of Santa Barbara. All the money that was raised went to the Solstice Parade fund. It was a packed house with great food and entertainment.



Jim Armstrong and  
Claudia Bratton



Brad Edwards, Kathryn Gatto, Girard  
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A guest having  
fun at the waiters  
dinner



"Monique"



Mayor Blum with Husband Joe  
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Mali Yimesgen  
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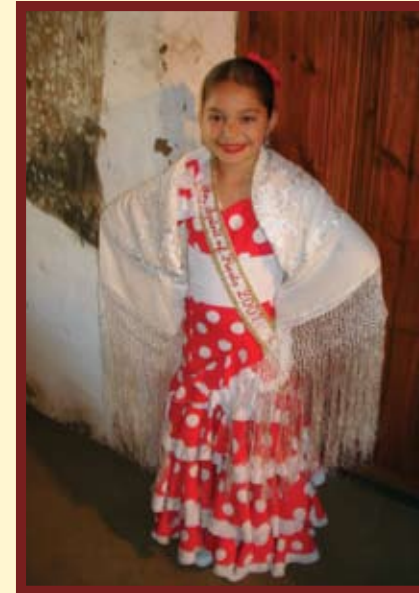
Wendy Slade



Melissa Ramsey

# La Primavera Fiesta Preview

There were many beautifully dressed men and women at the La Primavera Fiesta Preview. It was a great celebration to kick off all the fun events to follow.



Junior Spirit  
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Women of Fiesta 2007



Betty Herrera, Angela Bevin,  
Sean Bevin, Perrin Pelegrin,  
and Mario Borgatello



JJ Hollister and  
Barbara Hollister



Debbe Oquist &  
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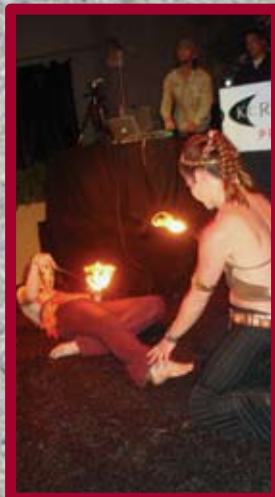
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## Real Estate

**Q:** Will defaulting subprime loans affect me?

**A:** First, it is important to understand what causes a loan to be considered subprime. Lenders consider two main factors when reviewing each home loan application. The lender first reviews the applicant's FICO score (credit rating) which is typically broken down into a few ranges; 700 and above, 699 to 650, etc. Second, the lender will look at the percentage of the property that the lender would own if no payments were made (loan-to-value). For example, Tom, a thirty year old who applies for a home loan has never missed a credit card or car payment and has a credit score of 730, which would meet the lender's first test. Second, the property is being purchased for \$1,000,000 and Tom is willing to put up \$500,000, which would equate to a 50% loan-to-value which is relatively low, another positive sign for the lender.

Each lender has their guidelines of credit scores and loan-to-value combinations. When mixed with a few other factors, lenders will then decide what type of loan, if any, the applicant can qualify to obtain. There are many different types of loans. Some loans may have a fixed interest rates for 30 years while other loans may have "teaser rates". Teaser rates are interest rates much lower than

the rest of the market and will typically float (up and down - most recently up) after a year or two. When the rate begins to float it could change a loan's interest rate from as little as 3% to over 8%. This can send monthly mortgage payments soaring.

Historically, lenders wouldn't loan 100% of the value of a property to a borrower with less than perfect credit history. But as real estate values took off this decade some lenders saw little risk in loaning 90% and even 100% of

the value of a property without even looking at tax returns from a borrower who had a lower credit score than the lender historically accepted. Lenders assumed loaning \$250,000 for a home worth \$250,000 in Arizona was not a huge risk as long as the property values kept skyrocketing. As that property appreciated from \$250,000 to \$330,000 the loan-to-value dropped from 100% to 75% creating less risk for the lender if the borrow couldn't pay the loan. However, the monthly payments on these subprime loans could adjust depending on interest rates and that is what triggered a drastic change in some areas.

When Tom's mortgage payment went from 70% of his monthly income to 110% there was no way he could afford it. In that case the property would be sold and Tom would have a red mark on his credit history. But when this happened up and down the same streets, there was a quick change in the real estate market. Instead of a market where there were more buyers than sellers we now see markets like Phoenix and Las Vegas with more sellers than buyers, which will inevitably drive down prices.

Is the subprime issue over? Far from it. Not only have people lost their homes by taking too much risk but investors in funds of subprime loans have lost large portions of their

retirement. One broker dealer found itself heavily weighted in subprime loans and was forced to close down - along with leaving 600 brokers out in the cold unable to conduct immediate new business.

While subprime loans seem to have hit some areas harder than others it hasn't had as much of an effect on higher end residential properties. Unfortunately we will all be affected by tighter loan conditions and higher interest rates. Some investors in mutual funds and hedge funds may take a hit as well.

## Investments

**Q:** What is a REIT?

**A:** REIT stands for Real Estate Investment Trust. Think of a REIT as a fund of various income-producing properties including apartments, senior living, office or industrial buildings. Each REIT usually invests in one type of property but may own hundreds of those properties in that one fund. Properties are typically institutional in nature with tenants like Fortune 500 companies. Generally, there is a property manager that handles the day to day maintenance of the property so investors can maintain a more passive profile.

Congress established REITs in the sixties as a way for investors to invest in a diversified portfolio of large, credit worthy, income-producing pieces of real estate. Some REITs trade on the stock exchange and have liquidity similar to major stocks like Microsoft. Best of all, a portion of the income received by investors may be tax sheltered with the same tax benefits real estate owners utilize in their other properties.

REITs are a popular investment for people looking to invest in real estate through a diversified method and especially for someone looking to invest in real estate without the headaches of the daily management. However, they usually do not project the tax benefits or appreciation potential of local real estate. Also, some investors enjoy maintaining the extra control of dealing with the day to day issues of their real estate investments.

## Tax

**Q:** Should I contribute to a Traditional IRA or a ROTH IRA?

**A:** One of the best ways to grow wealth during your career is through a retirement plan, as most are highly tax advantaged, subject to your current income and tax situation. The most common vehicle to contribute to is a Traditional IRA. A ROTH IRA provides advantages similar to a Traditional IRA but with a twist.

The advantages of a Traditional IRA include tax deferred growth as well as a tax deduction for contributions in the year they are made. Depending on your tax situation, if you earned \$40,000 of income in 2007 and contributed \$4,000 to your IRA, you would essentially only pay tax on income of \$36,000 that year. No immediate tax is owed when investments like stocks are bought and sold within that \$4,000 IRA. Tax is paid when you take money out.

A ROTH IRA shares the benefit of tax free growth but contributions are not tax deductible. While you would still owe tax on your entire \$40,000 of income - the future distributions from your ROTH IRA may be tax free. If annual \$4,000 contributions were made for 30 years and earned a mere 6% annual return you could end up with over \$350,000 which you could take out tax free at a certain age.

While both share similar features the main difference is whether you want a tax break up front or at distribution of income. While many people are quick to choose the ROTH IRA since it has a much higher potential it is important to look at the importance of a tax break now. Also consider how much income you plan on receiving when you retire - if it is not much you will most likely be in a lower tax bracket than you are now.

Important restrictions to note are phaseouts of allowable contributions based on your income and other circumstances. Distributions generally may not begin without penalty before age 59 ½ but Traditional IRA distributions must begin by age 70 ½. Depending on the type of IRA you choose, you may be subject to penalties if you contribute too much, take early withdrawals, or do not begin taking distributions by age 70 ½.

## Estate Planning

**Q:** I thought my husband had a trust but it turns out he had a will that created a trust. Will this create a problem?

**A:** Living Trusts have gained enormous popularity as more and more Americans become educated in the process of probate. Many people do not learn what a long and arduous ordeal probate can be until they are forced to go through it. A will that creates a trust may still be subject to probate which could be counterproductive.

One goal of a Living Trust (when properly drafted by an attorney) is to avoid probate. Certain trusts are designed to immediately move assets from one place to another rather than provide instructions to a court (as a will usually does) of what you request happens to your assets. However, many people miss some of the important follow up steps in creating a trust which may include the need to re-title assets, properly name beneficiaries, and invest the assets as outlined in the trust document. Wills and trusts can be complicated legal instruments so it is important to seek legal counsel when considering this option.

Remember Living Trusts do not save taxes; while they avoid probate they cannot and do not avoid taxes. However when used in a comprehensive estate tax plan they can be useful.

### ARE YOU CONFUSED?

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# Ask The Date Detective

**"Who's lying next to you?"**

By Carmen Naimish

## The Date Detective Answers Your Questions

**Q.** I recently met a man on a very popular online dating service (I'll call him Jim). The dating service does not conduct or even offer background checks. Jim and I have met in person three times so far and seem to have a real connection. We're both in our late 40's, are divorced, and have had a few really bad experiences dating online. Jim and I agreed we should have background checks conducted on each other. Does this sound like a good idea and how should we go about exchanging information?

### Ready for a Relationship

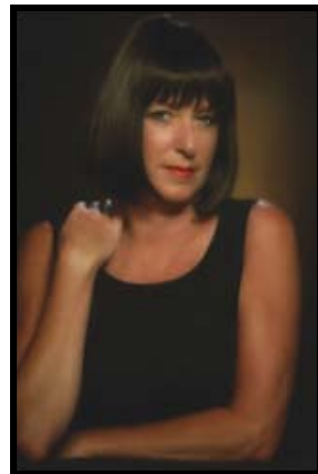
**A.** It is an excellent idea. I find that mature daters most always consider a background check and do so when contemplating a possible serious relationship. When a couple agrees to a background check it shows they are sincere, and if either has a checkered past they are forthcoming with that information. Meeting online has some very possible dangers and although it may sound odd, next time you meet ask to see identification, preferably a driver license. Take note of their full name, date of birth and the city and zip code as it appears on the license. Unless you've already told each other, I advise not to share your full address until the background check is complete.

**Q.** I am an attractive female in my late 30's, and until now no doubt that I am quite intelligent too; but I think I've made a big mistake. Close friends introduced me to a gentleman who completely swept me off my feet and we married just five months after we met. We've been married for three months now and I'm learning that nothing he told me about himself is true. I gave up my apartment to move in with him; since then he has been fired from his job, he does not have many friends and he is pushing me to ask my parents for money. I have a good job, but have maxed out my credit cards to support him and his needs. I am unhappy and I don't know whether to stay in this relationship or leave. Will a background check help me now?

### Victim of Love

**A.** Your husband's behavior sounds like that of a sociopath; this may not be the first time he has charmed his way into an unsuspecting woman's life. A background check will reveal crimes and misdeeds for which he was caught. It will also provide insight into what

you can expect in your future with him. Whether you decide to cut your losses and leave the relationship now, or to stay with him, a background check will help you to make this important decision. Don't necessarily expect to recoup your financial loss. If assets exist others may be ahead of you to make claim. I suggest that you consult an attorney, as an annulment on fraud may be an option for you. Your husband's background information can help provide the proof.



**Q.** Can you tell me the odds of meeting a trustworthy and honest foreign bride? I am financially secure and considered handsome, but I've had little success developing a long-term relationship with any woman close to my age (I'm 58). I've read both horror stories as well as some success stories about foreign brides. I'm not sure what to believe. My grown children are against the idea, as well as my ex-wife of course. I need to know who I can trust and what I should watch out for in this pursuit.

### Alone and Looking

**A.** Your intentions sound honorable, but beware. Not all, but many foreign brides are scammers. In the beginning, as in the word "con", she will seek and gain your "confidence". She will tell you everything you ever wanted to hear. Once you're captivated you will be asked to send money. At first it will be for small needs but the amount will increase with your continued and escalated involvement with her. Although it is possible to find the foreign bride of your dreams, the odds are against it. Background checks are available in most countries, but if she hasn't given you her real name or location you'll be chasing a ghost. I suggest you research the agency that represents her and heed the advice of your family too.

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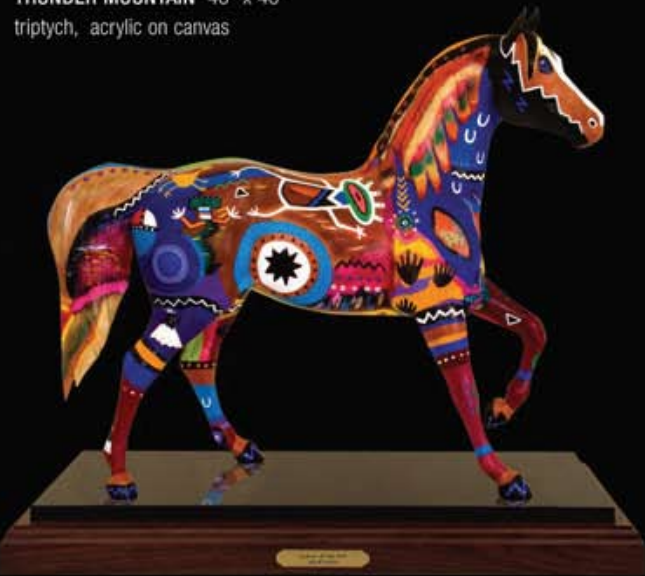
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## at home with Mitch Robles

By Wayne Pratt



THUNDER MOUNTAIN 48" x 48"  
triptych, acrylic on canvas



ECHOS OF THE PAST 24" x 24" acrylic on marble-cast sculpture.  
Masterworks Series of the Trail of Painted Ponies Collection.

## MITCHELL ROBLES

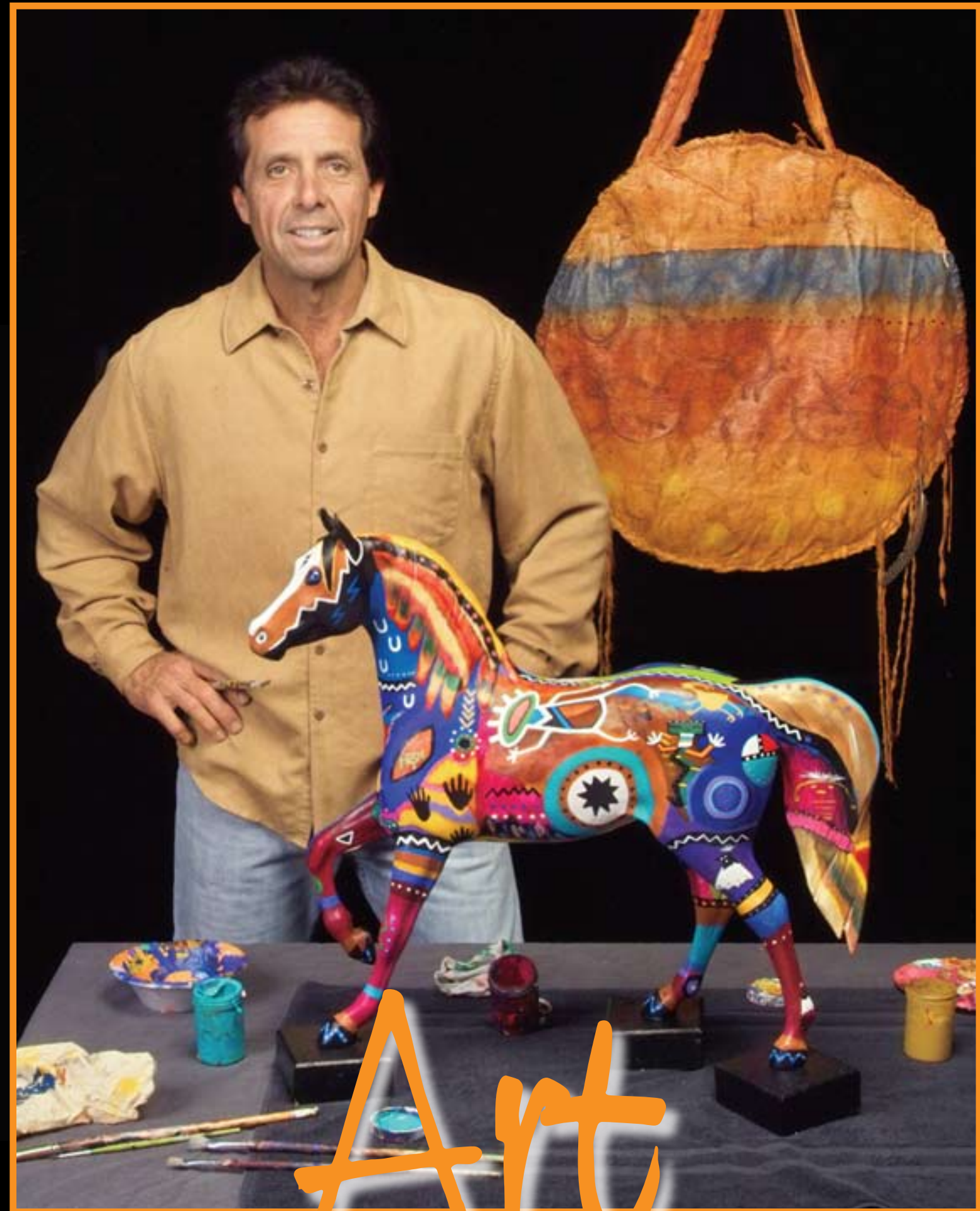
Mitchell Robles is highly regarded for his unique blend of abstract expressionism and contemporary Native American art. A native of Santa Barbara, California, he is a direct descendent of the indigenous Chumash peoples and the earliest Spanish settlers. Robles' paintings reflect a deep connection to his ancient lineage, and to the natural world.

Influenced by Fritz Scholder, John Nieto, and Peter Max, Robles' oil, acrylic and mixed media canvasses explode with vibrant colors and luxuriously layered textures. Powerful echoes of his ancestry are revealed in majestic images of wildlife against bold backgrounds, mysterious abstract landscapes, and highly stylized and sculpted ceremonial warshirts. The cattle in his Texas Longhorn Series project a profoundly masculine soulfulness. The colorful petroglyphs in his Rock Art Series come alive with a playful mysticism that entices the viewer into a magical dreamworld.

Robles' work is exhibited in galleries throughout California and in Scottsdale, Sedona, Santa Fe, and Jackson Hole. His art has been featured in numerous publications and several Sundance Film Festival documentaries.



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# Art



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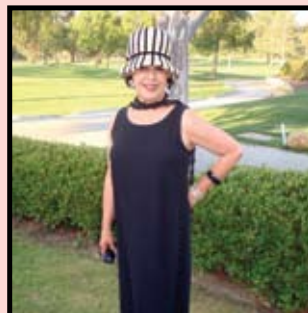
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# Horace Mann Awards

The Horace Mann Awards are distributed annually to community members, organizations and alumni who represent the ideals of Antioch University Santa Barbara including a passion for social justice, diversity and life-long learning. Net proceeds from the event raise funds for student scholarships.

The 2007 Horace Mann Awards were held on May 17, 2007 at the Four Seasons Biltmore in Montecito.

This year Antioch honored Lady Leslie Ridley-Tree, community leader and philanthropist and Rodney Gustafson, an Antioch University Santa Barbara alumnus and founder and director of State Street Ballet.



Rodney Gustafson and Lady Ridley-Tree



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# Troubled Love

## Santa Ynez New Vineyard Valley Theater

The new Vineyard Valley Theatre Company plans to offer high quality experiences for audiences of live theatre. The range of dramatic offerings will include new and stimulating works from both established and emerging playwrights, from the classics to the most contemporary, and will draw its actors from the talented pool of artists who reside in the Southern California area.

The company presented a special show, "Troubled Love," at Solvang Festival Theater on May 25 and 26 for two nights only.

The stars of "Troubled Love" include (in alphabetical order): Brooke Adams ("Days of Heaven," "The Dead Zone," "Monk"), Dana Delany (Emmy® Award winner for "China Beach," "Tombstone"), Allison Janney (Emmy and SAG Awards for "The West Wing," "American Beauty"), Jane Kaczmarek (American Comedy Award for "Malcolm in the Middle," "Help Me Help You," "Pleasantville"), Tony Plana ("Ugly Betty," "24," "Resurrection Blvd.") and Bradley Whitford ("Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip," Emmy and SAG Awards for "The West Wing," "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants"). Casting is by Amy Lieberman, C.S.A.



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## “Scene on the Grass”-Golf News

By J. C. Dunn  
Golf Pro

Golf is a unique and special sport that many strive to improve at. Unlike Basketball or hockey, every player eventually gets the ball to the goal...and unlike a race, everyone finishes, even if not in the same manner. It's a game where the mental aspect completely overwhelms the physical, making it perhaps the most frustrating sport of all. And the most distinctive trait of the game of golf is its altered competitive balance. In other major sports, the drama is characterized as “man vs. man” or “team vs. team.” In golf, as the hushed tones of Augusta or St. Andrews remind us, each player is battling an unchanging opponent, “the course.”

The reasons we find ourselves on that first tee may vary. Whether it's a fun and relaxing time with friends or family, or the culmination of hours spent practicing, we all face the challenge of the course with a hope and anticipation of that moment that will have us coming back again. And although there is no one secret to playing like Tiger, there are three things that will help you out next time you strike the little white ball...repetition, consistency and confidence. Repetition leads to consistency, consistency leads to confidence, and confidence leads to better scores. Remember, the difference between most amateurs and a professional isn't the ability to hit a good shot, but the ability to hit a good shot time and time again.

There's too much to go over in just one article, but I'll eventually take you through my three keys to golf...repetition, consistency and confidence...and dive into the depths of each. Improving your ball striking, straightening out your drives, chipping like a pro, reading greens and getting the ball in the hole with two putts or less...all the while enjoying your day on the links! So keep an eye out for future issues of Social Scene Magazine where we'll go from tee to green and explore the tips for bettering your golf game both mentally and physically...without practicing 5 hours a day!

# haunted Santa Barbara

## Did you know?

By Alex Brenner



### 1) The Big Yellow House

The Big Yellow House Restaurant had originally been built as a home in the late nineteenth century by a Mr. H.L. Williams, the founder of Summerland, and had been a focal point for Spiritualist seances. One of the mediums who held seances there was Harry Allen, who used a unique and rather bizarre technique for

attaining the altered state of consciousness required for him to function as a medium. He drank until he was dead drunk and then passed out. The spirit that “took him over” as an instrument for communication was described as a gigantic black man, around seven feet tall. Allen and his primary spirit communicator often participated in seances in the Williams' house. On one occasion, an attendee at a seance asked if he could be given some physical evidence of the purported size of this spirit. He then felt an unseen hand closing around his head, so huge that the heel of the hand touched the top of one of his ears while covering the ear on the other side. For more information pick up a copy of Rod Lathim's book, *The Spirit of the Big Yellow House*.



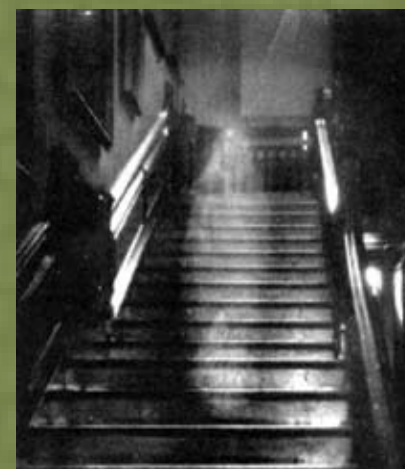
### 2) The Santa Barbara Mission

Ghosts have been seen walking around the old graveyard connected to this mission. Over 5,000 pioneers and Indians are buried there



### 3) Santa Barbara - La Cumbre junior high Theatre

A student by the name of Edwin was killed in the theatre in the 1950s when a counterweight sand bag fell from the cat walk and broke his neck. Students have sited him in the theatre and in the upper cat walk. The sand bag that killed him still exists but is not used anymore.



### 4) Santa Barbara - Lompoc - Lompoc Furniture on H St

The second floor of the building was the town morgue. A woman has been seen by many store patrons walking on the second floor landing. There are a series of furniture showrooms beyond the stairway landing on the second floor. The area is accessible; the back room to the right of the landing has spots, which are very cold.



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Technical data



## New Maybach 62 S Unveiled

By Elliot Cooper

A new pinnacle in high-end luxury car production

Generous spaciousness, unique comfort and superlative performance

Dynamic exterior and interior touches

Maybach, the luxury brand with an illustrious past, re-established just four years ago, is adding a fourth variant to its line-up in the shape of the newly developed 62 S model. The “S” stands for “Special” and draws attention to the fact that the Maybach engineers at the Sindelfingen-based Manufaktur workshops have incorporated a wealth of meticulously developed, special features specified by their highly discerning customers into the new 62 S model. The result is a new dimension in travelling comfort, especially for the passengers in the generously proportioned rear compartment of the new high-end luxury saloon. Not to mention a prodigious power output thanks to the enhanced potency of the twelve-cylinder engine developing 450 kW/612 hp, making the new 62 S model the world’s most powerful chauffeur-driven saloon in series production.

The new flagship model in the Maybach range is celebrating its world premiere at the “Auto China 2006” international motor show in Beijing in November – a move which expands its range of high-end luxury saloons. The Maybach 62 S is primarily designed to be chauffeur-driven and meets the very highest of standards in terms of spaciousness, smoothness and comfort – for a truly relaxing ride – and dynamism for saving that most precious of commodities: time. Precisely what is needed in these increasingly frenetic times.

Exterior boasting a dynamically elegant appearance

Prominent exterior features accentuate the dynamic presence of the new Maybach 62 S and clearly distinguish it from the 62 model. These include a modified front end with a strikingly redesigned radiator grille as well as new, distinctive 20-inch spoked wheels and a modified light-cluster design. Like the 57 S model, the new Maybach 62 S boasts lavish single-tone paintwork in black or silver, both of which are available exclusively for the “S” models. Alternatively, customers can now specify a special paint finish in shimmering white. Discreet “62 S” lettering adorns the front wings beneath the A pillars and the boot lid, while a modified rear apron with two integral, trapezoidal exhaust tailpipes hints strongly at the immense performance potential of the 62 S. This dynamic and elegant appearance puts the Maybach 62 S in a league of its own when it comes to luxurious chauffeur-driven cars

Further enhance the interior

The contemporary Maybach interpretation of lavish luxury, consummate comfort and superlative dynamism is also reflected in the interior of the 62 S. Here high-grade materials are hand-finished to perfection for a distinctive and particularly exclusive look, all in inimitable Maybach style. Carefully coordinated applications of exquisite piano lacquer and sporty carbon or anthracite poplar create an atmosphere of dynamic elegance both in the rear compartment and in the driver’s direct field of vision and activity. Newly designed, high-grade leather upholstery tastefully accentuates this overall impression.

Twelve-cylinder powerplant and comfort-tuned chassis

Effortlessly superior performance in any situation comes courtesy of a Mercedes-AMG-enhanced V12 powerplant developing 45 kW/62 hp more than the engine specified for the Maybach 62. The twelve-cylinder engine in the Maybach 62 S has a displacement of six litres and an output of 450 kW/612 hp by virtue of a twin turbocharger and a water-type intercooler. The impressive maximum torque of 1000 Nm (electronically limited) is available over a wide engine speed range between 2000 and 4000 rpm. This provides even the most sportily inclined of Maybach drivers with effortless power reserves at all times. With acceleration from zero to 100 km/h in only 5.2 seconds, the new Maybach 62 S impressively demonstrates its outstanding performance potential. The top speed is electronically limited to 250 km/h in chauffeur-driven vehicles.

The exclusivity of the twelve-cylinder powerplant is underlined by a model plate on the cover bearing the signature of the Mercedes-AMG technician who assembled it by hand based on the now familiar “one man, one engine” principle.

In contrast to the sportier configuration of the 57 S model for owner-drivers, which features a stiffer and lower chassis, the Maybach engineers decided to retain the full spring travel for the 62 S in order to achieve an outstanding, practically unsurpassed level of ride comfort. In terms of comfort, the chassis marks the absolute pinnacle of automotive engineering. Yet it also offers a high degree of dynamic potential for reliably transferring the power to the road whatever the scenario. Hence the Maybach developers have succeeded in reconciling, to a near perfect degree, two very different requirements. Maybach continues its rich tradition

The outstanding attributes of the Maybach 62 S set new standards at the high end of the passenger car industry and also continue the tradition of the legendary Maybach saloons which represented the elite in German and international carmaking circles back in the 1920s and 1930s. Even then, many Maybach cars were built and equipped to be chauffeur-driven – a tradition which the 62 S model is proud to honour.





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## DR. Alan Brown hosted by the Santa Barbara Navy League

CDR C. Alan Brown Addresses SB Navy League SBNL held a Speaker's Reception with guest speaker CDR C. Alan Brown, MC (FMF), USN on June 7, 2007 at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. CDR Brown is a local cardiologist and a medical officer in the United States Navy Reserve. In 1981, after graduating from Harvard Medical School and completing his cardiology training at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Dr. Brown and his wife, Sally, moved to Santa Barbara. He practices clinical and interventional cardiology as a member of the Santa Barbara Cardiovascular Group and also serves as coronary care unit director at Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.



Dr. Alan Brown



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## Guerry Awards Law Enforcement Heroes

The 38th Annual H. Thomas Guerry Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 4:30 pm in the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisor's Hearing Room. Awards for superior performance by local law enforcement will be given in honor of H. Thomas Guerry, a Santa Barbara Police Officer who died in the line of duty at the age of 29 on January 3, 1970. The ceremony will be hosted by the Santa Barbara Citizens Council on Crime, a group of local volunteers who help the law enforcement agencies throughout the County honor their members who have gone above and beyond the normal call of duty.

This year's award recipient from the Probation Department is Senior Juvenile Institutions Officer Adolf Garza. He is a veteran officer of 10 years, who is assigned to Los Prietos Boys Academy.



Officer Cordero, Officer Nartatez,  
Commander Mawhinney, and Officer Macagni



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Pat McKinley



Looking forward to the  
evening event.



# Healthy Holiday Cooking

By Alice Brown



## Healthy Holiday Cheer

Good alternatives to cocktails and calorie-laden drinks:

Sparkling juices

Warm apple cider

Spritzer made with fruit juice and seltzer

Flavored, calorie-free water

Low sodium vegetable juice

Light egg nog (or dilute regular with skim milk)

Soy nog (see recipe)

Warm Spiced Cider Punch (see recipe)

## Appetizers

- ◆ Choose appetizers that help you get in your “5 a day” fruits and vegetables such as fresh vegetable platter or fruit kabobs
- ◆ Choose appetizers that add fiber by using whole grains and legumes such as roasted red pepper spread on whole wheat rounds or creamy garbanzo dip with whole wheat pita chips
  - ◆ Contrast flavors and textures (crunchy, smooth, hot, cold, spicy)
  - ◆ Choose variety for more nutrients
  - ◆ Substitute low-fat or non-fat sour cream or yogurt for your dips
  - ◆ Instead of regular nuts, try soy nuts

## Soups

- ◆ Cook vegetables such as carrots, sweet potatoes, winter squash and potatoes until they are soft enough to puree and season
  - ◆ Cook beans and puree at least part of them for a creamy texture
  - ◆ Make cream soups using nonfat evaporated milk rather than cream
  - ◆ Chill soups, stews and chili and then skim solid fat off top and discard

## Salads

- ◆ These are a great way to incorporate fruits and vegetables into your menu. Use some of the seasonal items such as cranberries, pomegranate
  - ◆ Use salsas and chutneys for dressing
  - ◆ Choose low-fat salad dressings and mayonnaise
- ◆ Add pear, orange segments or dried fruit to a tossed green salad for pizzazz

## Meat/Poultry/Fish

- ◆ Choose plain over self-basting. Baste with low sodium broth, wine or fruit juice, or place foil tent over as it cooks to avoid drying out
  - ◆ Roast on rack to allow fat to drip into pan
  - ◆ Remove any skin before cooking or before eating
- ◆ Marinate in fruit juice, wine or low fat sauces. Try rubbing dried herb and spice mixtures (oregano, basil, rosemary) onto surface for added flavor

## Gravy/Condiments

- ◆ Use fat separator or zip-lock bag to obtain pan juices but eliminate fat layer (clip small whole in bottom of bag and allow only juices to flow out-discard fat layer and bag)
- ◆ Freeze pan drippings so you can remove hardened fat (save 56 grams of fat per cup)
- ◆ Skip drippings and use broth thickened with cornstarch or pureed potatoes-add broth for flavor and to thin down and prune, apricot or apple juice for a kick!
- ◆ Try pineapple salsa, mango chutney or fruit compote on top of or on the side of meat, poultry or fish for a easy and zippy flavor enhancer

## Side Dishes

- ◆ Sweet potatoes are a rich source of beta-carotene! Offer baked or mash with vegetable broth or skim milk and add vanilla extract, lemon zest, orange juice, ginger and or nutmeg. If you insist on sweetness, skip butter and add thin layer of marshmallows or sweeten with apple or orange juice and ground cinnamon
- ◆ For mashed potatoes, use skim milk, garlic powder a little parmesan cheese, and just a small amount of low-calorie margarine. Another seasoning would be minced garlic or horseradish and puree with non-fat half –and-half product.





# Donnie and Diella Biggs

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# ~ Weddings ~

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# Jodi House Luncheon

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Pat Milliken



Joanna McLean



Barbara Flynn, Andrew Chun, Jan Bartley, Peter Trent, Cynder Sinclair, Jim Kearns, Jim Cook, and Charlie Bissell

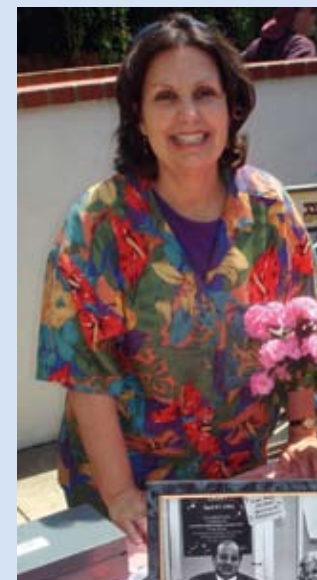


Cynder Sinclair, Stephanie Slosser, Barbara Gray, Greta Hansen, Joanna McLean, and Luciana Cramer



Joann Rothman and Jo Williams

Hali Jones with Gordon and Dolores Harrah



Barbara Flynn



Richard Ribar and Daniel Trefz



Jack and Jill Winslow

# Big Dog Parade

Dogs of all shapes and sizes put their best paw forward and strutted their stuff in Santa Barbara. Saturday's 13th annual Big Dog Parade showcased more than 1,200 dogs. The thousands that came out also enjoyed live music and food. All proceeds raised from the event are donated directly to the big dog foundation, a non-profit organization that supports charities that help dogs.



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# Featured Yacht

By Peter Lockey

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## Accommodations

3 staterooms with ensuite heads are located on the lower deck; Country kitchen, dinette, and lower steering station are on the pilot house deck; Main Saloon and formal dining area are down 2 steps on the main deck. Crews quarters are conveniently located aft of the engine room with access from the aft deck. Master stateroom is amidships and is full width of the ship's beam, featuring a queen size berth, ensuite full bath and Owners office.

The V.I.P stateroom is in the most forward area, also full width, featuring a Queen size berth and ensuite bath. The Guest stateroom is to port and features a cross over bunk configuration and also has an ensuite bath.

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# Wine Tasting Through France

TRAVEL

By Sam Williams

If you are looking for bed and breakfast or chateaux accommodation in France either on or close to a vineyard in Burgundy, near Bordeaux, Cognac, the Loire Valley or in the Champagne region of France, then here are our possibilities. many of these chateaux and estates produce their own wine and you will of course be welcome to try it during your stay!

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## Burgundy

On the outskirts of Beaune, this beautifully renovated, family-owned chateau which dates back to the 13th and 17th centuries offers quality bed and breakfast accommodation surrounded by the owner's vineyards. The family is a well-known local producer of quality white wine and would be pleased to show you around his vineyard and cellars.

Beautifully renovated chateaux accommodation 10 miles South of Macon in the heart of the Beaujolais region. The chateau dates back to the 17th Century and is surrounded by vineyards which produce a fine red wine. You will of course be welcome to visit the vineyard and taste the wine!

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## Bordeaux

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Charming bed and breakfast accommodation in the heart of the vineyards of Bordeaux, 10 minutes from the A10 and the A89 autoroutes, 15 minutes from Saint Emilion and just 30 minutes from Bordeaux,

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## Cognac

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# November

## 1 THURSDAY

Julio Iglesias at 8pm at Chumash Casino

## 3 SATURDAY

7pm "Chocolate de Vine" at SB Maritime Museum to benefit SB Rape Crisis Center. Call 805-963-6832

## 4 SUNDAY

11 am "Empty Bowls" Lunch to benefit the Foodbank of Santa Barbara County at the Rockwood Woman's Club. Call 805-967-5741 x104

## 8 THURSDAY

Diana Ross at 8pm at Chumash Casino

## 10 SATURDAY

7 pm "Snow A- Go-Go Gala" at the Earl Warren Showgrounds. Call 805-252-5227

## 17 SATURDAY

10 am 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Flower Arrangement Show Call 805-963-8215

## 27 TUESDAY

5pm Artist reception featuring "Images of Angels" at the Faulkner Gallery. Call 805-884-7222

## 30 FRIDAY

10 am 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Folk & Tribal Arts Marketplace at SB Museum of Natural History  
6pm Girls Inc- Celebrating Doll Artistry. Call 805-963-4757



# December

## 1 SATURDAY

10 am 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Folk & Tribal Arts Marketplace at SBM of Natural History

## 2 SUNDAY

10 am 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Folk & Tribal Arts Marketplace at SBM of Natural History

## 8 SATURDAY

6pm "Light up the Night" at Rockwood Woman's Club. Call 805-882-1192

## 11 TUESDAY

7:30 27<sup>TH</sup> Annual Messiah Sing Along at the First Presbyterian Church. Call 805-966-4131

## 13 THURSDAY

The Oak Ridge Boys at 8pm at Chumash Casino

## 27 THURSDAY

The Brian Setzer Orchestra at 8pm at Chumash Casino



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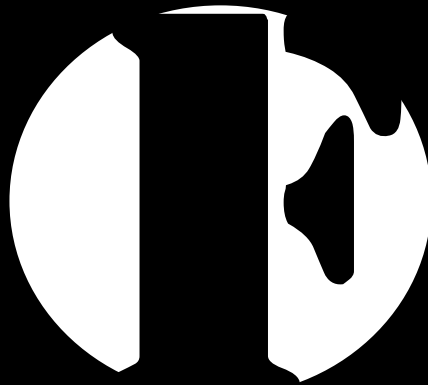
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