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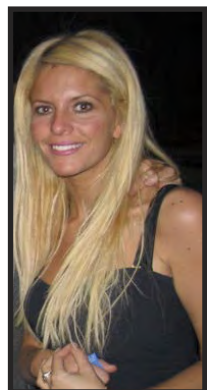


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**Ashley Agron**

One year ago, Social Scene Magazine was introduced to Santa Barbara. My idea of a new magazine for Santa Barbara came to me while I was reflecting about my future goals. Where do I want to live? Where can I be the most creative? I thought about this for a few years while in college. Then it just came to me - crystal clear. I grew up in Santa Barbara, loving every moment of every day. As a child I was part of the National Charity League and learned about charity work and how important it was to help others in the community. The two combined interests seem to be a natural. A lifestyle magazine catering to Santa Barbara residents with an emphasis on fundraisers in a pictorial manner. I was extremely motivated and excited to fill a niche in our town that had not yet been filled. I decided to create a bi-monthly magazine that showcased the beauty of Santa Barbara as well as the beauty within the people that live here. My goal was to congratulate those who support the many charities and fundraisers, with pictorial showcasings of those events in my magazine. Also, this would make others aware that these charities exist and that they too, can offer their support. I want to thank everyone in the community for their support of

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We are excited to create and bring you our ongoing articles such as Date Smart, Money Scene, Weddings, Exotic Cars, A-List, Travel, Sports, Who's Who in Santa Barbara, Music and many, many galas and fundraisers. We are continuing to grow with some incredible surprises starting with our August / September issue. We are going full throttle. Joining our team are some of the best writers in Santa Barbara. We have several new features we know you are going to enjoy. The staff and I here at Social Scene Magazine truly want to thank you. We promise always to live up to your expectations. Social Scene Magazine will be sponsoring several fundraising events coming up in Santa Barbara throughout the year. We sincerely hope to see you at all of them.

Cheerfully Yours,  
Ashley Agron

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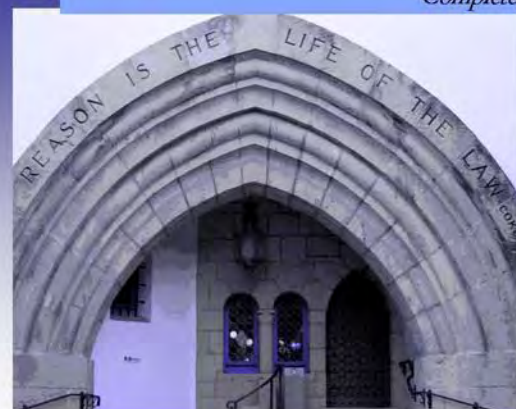
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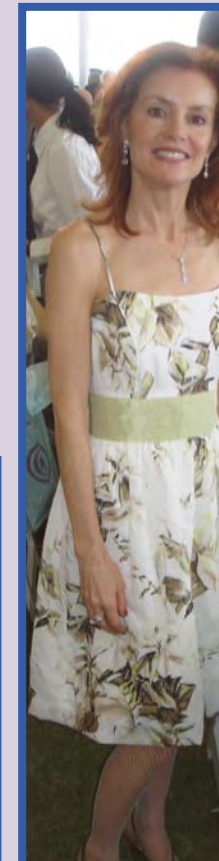
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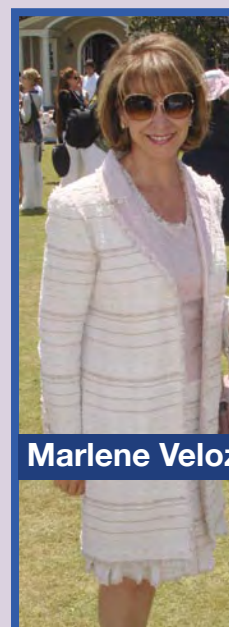
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**Planned Parenthood**

On March 15, over 300 Planned Parenthood donors, volunteers, and staff gathered at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort to honor Mary Jane McCord, "Volunteer of the Year;" hear keynote speaker, Stedman Graham, share his personal commitment and belief in the value of long-term mentoring efforts for high-risk youth, such as Planned Parenthood's Adelante Amigos; and celebrate the announcement by Derek Westen, Building Healthy Communities Concluding Phase Campaign Chair, that Planned Parenthood had completed its \$11.5 million goal in support of expanding services and increasing endowment.

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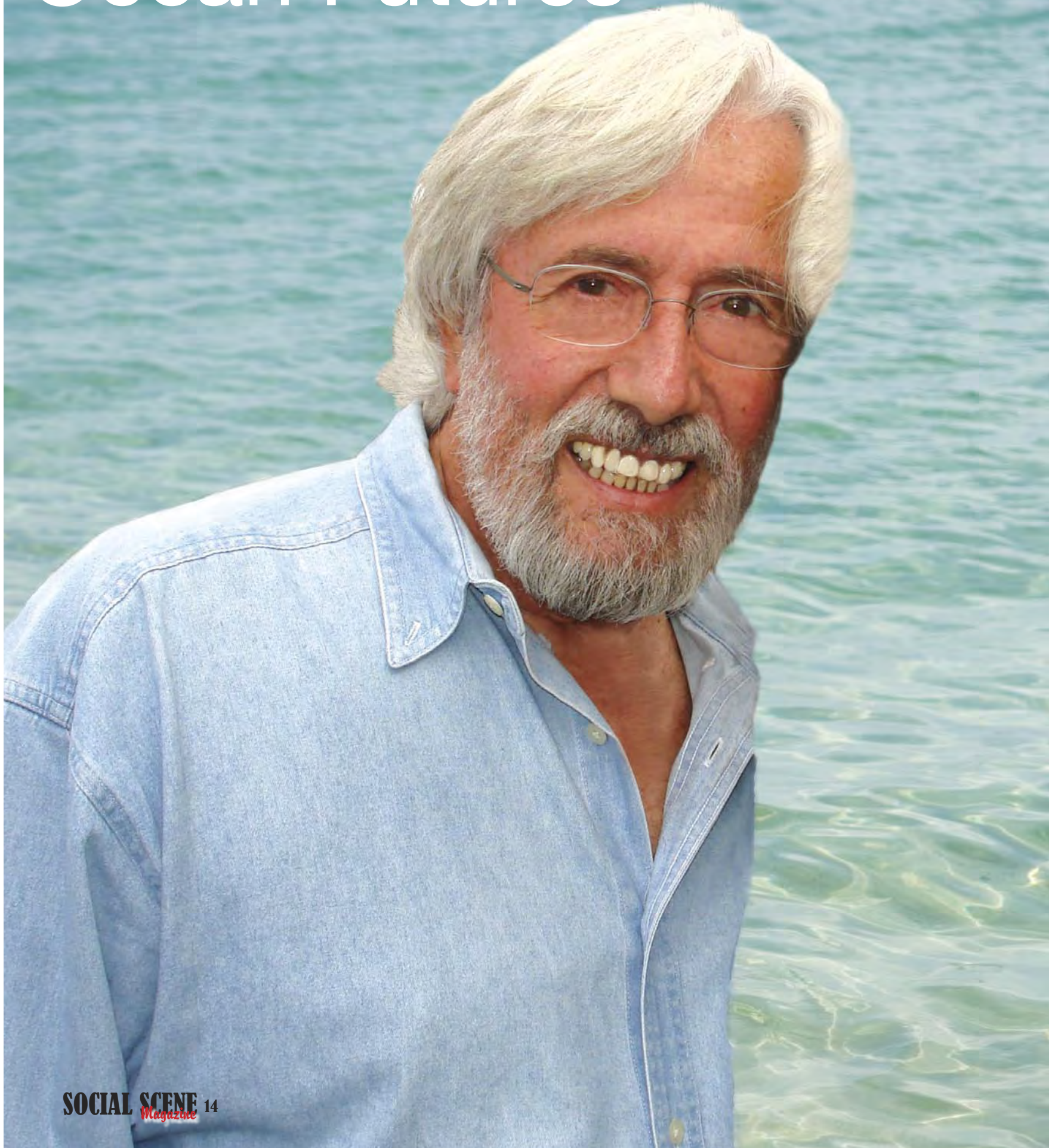
# Who's Who in Santa Barbara

exploring with

# Jean Michel Cousteau

Interview by Charles Agron  
Article by Noelle Valentino

## Ocean Futures



Jean Michel Cousteau is the eldest son of famed ocean explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau. Like his father before him, Jean Michel has dedicated his life to ocean exploration and environmentalism. Jean Michel Cousteau first learned to dive in 1945, at the tender age of seven. On that occasion, his father threw him overboard with a SCUBA tank on his back. Faced with the age old situation of “sink or swim,”

Jean Michel chose the latter, and has had a deep love and appreciation for the ocean ever since. His participation in a variety of endeavors, ranging from film production to his role as the president of Ocean Future's Society, has allowed Cousteau to use his experiences to communicate a message of conservation. Social Scene Magazine had the unique privilege of sitting down with this long time Santa Barbara resident to discuss some of the important issues he is so instrumental in bringing awareness to- both within this community, and the world over.

Upon arriving at Cousteau's Santa Barbara office, Jean Michel lamented we had just missed a team depart for Alaska moments before our arrival. This brave group of photographers, marine biologists, sound engineers and scientists were heading north to study the Beluga whale in its natural habitat. Among the project's goals is determining the affect of pollution on the whale population. This expedition is linked to Cousteau's Ocean Future's Society.

Ocean Future's Society is a non-profit marine conservation and education organization that works to communicate the importance of preserving underwater ecosystems through wise environmental policy.

Its goals are “communication, education, and diplomacy.” As Ocean Futures' leader, Jean-Michel serves as an impassioned diplomat for the environment. One of his chief successes in this capacity has been convincing President George W. Bush to name the Northwest Hawaiian Islands a National Monument. He plans to meet with the presidents of Brazil and France, as well as California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, about other important environmental issues.

In addition, Jean-Michel has produced over 70 films and television specials with marine content. His work has won him an Emmy award, among other prestigious accolades. Cousteau is also involved with the Jean-Michel Cousteau

Fiji Islands Resort, an environmentally oriented resort which provides the business community with a model for the economic benefits of exercising environmental concern and design. He originally discovered this site while bringing inner city youths to Fiji as part of his Ambassador of the Environment program. The trip was designed to foster a love and appreciation for the environment within a group of disadvantaged children. The project was extremely successful, though the research facility they used for the program eventually went up for sale. Impassioned by Fiji's unique ecosystem, Cousteau purchased the property and converted it into the world's most environmentally friendly hotel. In 2005, the resort was awarded Conde Naste magazine's highest honor for environmental design. Cousteau plans to expand this ecologically responsible concept to other sites.

When asked about Global Warming and issues of Climate Change, Cousteau warned that the planet is going into “bankruptcy,” and it is the responsibility of humans to protect it. He explained that the earth is much older than the human race, and will therefore long outlast us. If humans would like to continue to thrive, we must enact change. Cousteau says it is humans who have excelled these natural cycles which now pose a threat to our very existence. He also pointed to the wastefulness of modern society as a key factor in the ill fate of the Earth. Large corporations are frequently disinterested in conservation issues because they fear it will be an expensive endeavor, but Cousteau believes it is possible to both cut costs, and save the environment.

Furthermore, he encourages skeptics of Climate change to educate themselves on the subject, which has irrefutable evidence in favor of its existence. Global warming is an environmental crisis that could lead to consequences beyond our current understanding. Scientists predict that if the Gulf of Mexico were to become warmer by even a few degrees, it could trigger horrific hurricanes of greater force and frequency than we have experienced to date.

When asked what kinds of environmental changes he has noticed here in Santa Barbara, Jean Michel points to new bird species that are not indigenous to this region, such as the road runner. Their emergence could ultimately disrupt the balance of the environment's precarious harmony. He encourages readers who are concerned about these environmental changes to ride their bikes, drive hybrid cars, recycle, and put solar panels on their homes. ♦



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# 80th ANNUAL B'NAI BRITH

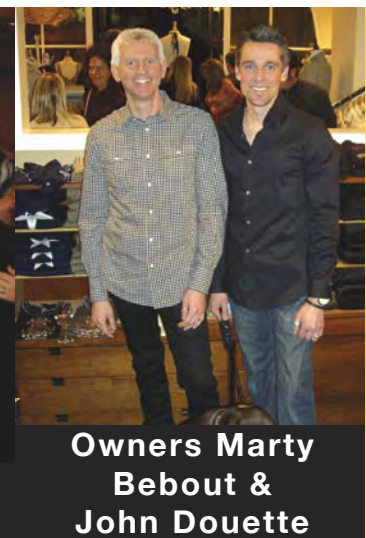
The 80th Anniversary Celebration for B'nai Brith of Santa Barbara was held at Fess Parkers Resort. Everyone enjoyed the great food and entertainment along with the facinating guests. Congradulations on your 80th Anniversary.



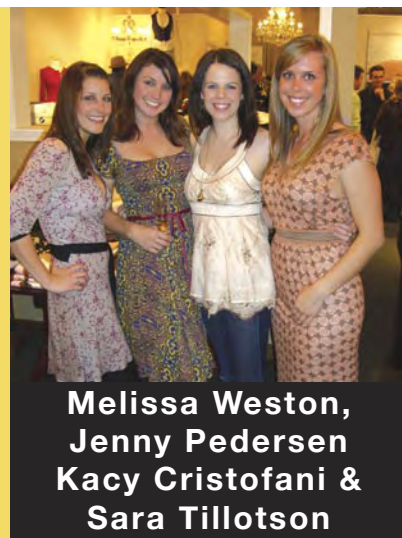
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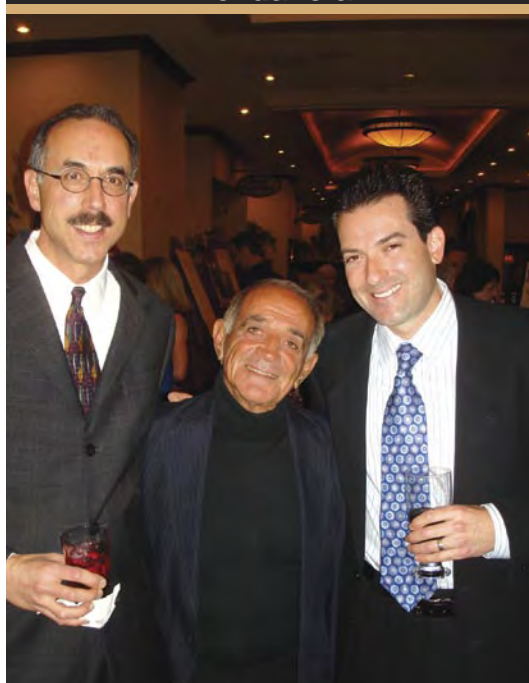
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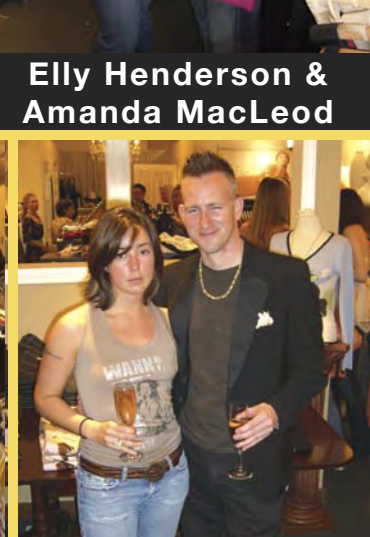
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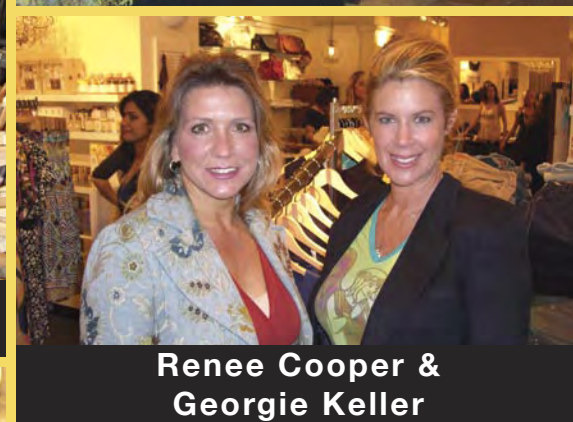
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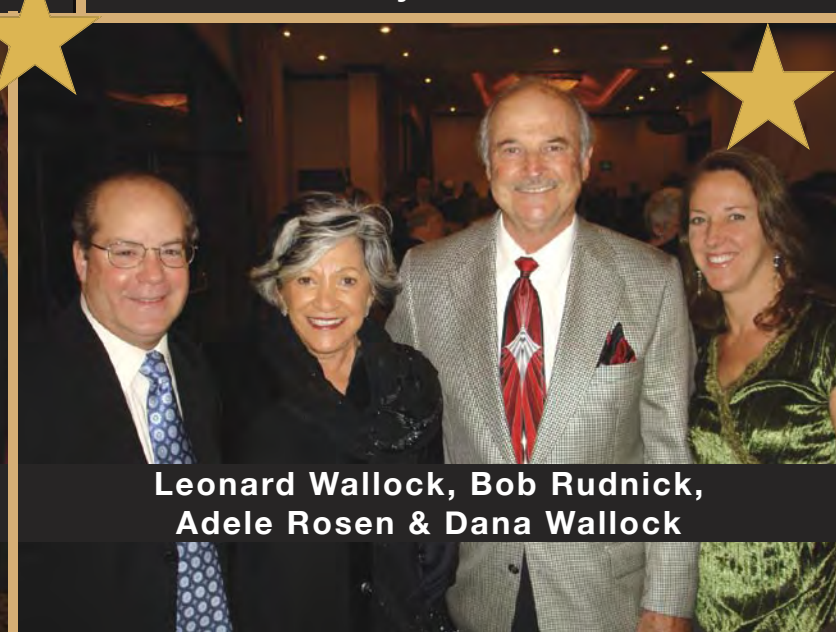
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FINANCIAL NEWS FROM IAN LUCAS FILIPPINI

## Real Estate

**Q:** Is now a good time to invest in real estate?

**A:** The most misunderstood aspect of investing in real estate is the difference between residential and commercial properties. Interest rates have a significant affect on the values of both residential and commercial real estate but the recent interest rate hikes have hit residential investors much harder than commercial investors.

As with any investment, knowing the leading indicators is critical. The fundamental question is, "does this make sense?"

## RESIDENTIAL

Did it make sense that twenty something year olds with hardly any income were being loaned 110% of the value of the property they were buying? As real estate kept appreciating, nobody noticed. Just as during the tech stock boom, when investors were paying tomorrow's prices today, nobody cared, until tomorrow's prices weren't achieved. Now is the time to decide if the prices will go any lower, stay flat, or bounce back. All three are possible depending on the type of property and the location.

The same three bedroom townhouses in Montecito that were selling for just under \$1,000,000 a year ago are now going for \$750,000. That equates to almost a 25% decline in value during a relatively level economy. Does this make sense? Or have local sellers overreacted to news of such drops in areas like Phoenix?

## COMMERCIAL

The most common way to value commercial real estate today is based on its annual income yield commonly referred to as a cap rate. As bond yields drop the value of commercial property typically increases. Significant returns have been seen during this decade in commercial real estate. While no investment is bulletproof, high net worth investors typically turn to commercial real estate for a somewhat consistent income and appreciation due to rent increases during a normal economic state. However, dramatic changes in interest rates or tenant default will create instability in any market.

"Flipping" is just as prevalent in commercial real estate as it is in residential. Investors typically see a more justifiable appreciation on the commercial side due to more common fundamentals. Regardless of a high or low stagnant economy, adding value to a commercial property and tax deferring the profit is a common achievement of successful investors.

## Investments

**Q:** What is dollar-cost averaging?

**A:** To "buy low and sell high" is the goal of every day trader but it is rarely accomplished due to the unpredictability of the market. The fact is that individuals invest emotionally, and this is where they get into trouble when trying to predict the highs and lows with so many variables in play. Long term investors recognize there must be a way to take the emotion out of investing.

Dollar-cost averaging has the potential for less volatility while maintaining the advantage of buying low; it is similar to the obvious advantage of buying during sales. On a normal day, taking \$100 to Nordstrom will give you the purchasing power necessary to buy one \$100 item. Wait for a 50% off sale and you now have the ability to purchase twice as much.

Replace the term "Nordstrom" with "New York Stock Exchange" and you will understand dollar-cost averaging. It is like shopping at the New York Stock Exchange and buying \$100 worth of XYZ stock every Friday. Some Fridays you might be able to buy one share and other Fridays \$100 might be enough to buy two shares if the price is down (think 50% sale).

Over time, you will end up with more shares of stock because instead of selling when the market was low (as most emotional investors do) your \$100 was buying stock at half off prices.

## Tax

**Q:** How can I create tax free income?

**A:** There are a number of tax-advantaged investments that allow for partial or complete elimination of state and federal income taxes on interest earned. Municipal bonds are among the most popular as they have the backing of a government entity and often the ability to generate income that is income tax free both federally and in the state of California. As with all bonds it is important to consider many variables including the credit of the issuing entity and the duration of time until maturity.

A Roth IRA grows tax free and all gains distributed are tax free as well. Unfortunately, initial contributions to Roth IRAs do not provide the same tax breaks as Traditional IRAs but the net after tax distributions can be much higher with a Roth IRA (when compared to a Traditional IRA) depending on the amount of growth.

Real estate investments can also provide tax advantaged income. The IRS assumes that buildings diminish in value over time. A tax deduction is provided, depending on the type of property, to eliminate a portion of the tax owed on income received from renting property. It is possible to shelter over half of the net income earned depending on the amount of leverage used to acquire the property. In addition, capital gains tax can be eliminated with proper planning. Of course, these strategies require a real estate advisor who is also well versed in tax planning.

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## Estate Planning

**Q:** What do I need to know about gifting to my children and grandchildren?

**A:** You will owe up to a 45% tax on gifts over \$12,000 in 2007. Be careful before you gift even the smallest piece of real estate as the tax bite can be huge without proper planning. As mentioned in my last article there are a number of ways to gift assets to your children and grandchildren. This article will explore the popular 529 College Savings Plan.

If you want to gift cash to your children or grandchildren, then a 529 College Savings Plan is worth considering. Essentially, a 529 plan is an educational savings account that grows (tax deferred) until the student takes withdrawals, which may also be exempt from federal and California taxes. Why not just create a regular savings account at a local bank? Not only is there the potential for tax free gain and tax free distributions - the IRS allows a five year acceleration of the annual \$12,000 exclusion (\$24,000 for couples). This creates the opportunity to effectively move \$120,000 (per grandchild) out of your estate into a separate account while maintaining a certain level of control. It is important to note there is a ten percent penalty for withdrawals not allowed by the plan's distribution guidelines. However, a ten percent tax may be less of a bite than the 45% death tax, depending on your situation.

What does this mean to you? If you created a 529 plan for each of your ten grandchildren, you could remove \$1,200,000 from your taxable estate which would result in a death tax savings of up to \$540,000. As with all strategies there are important pros and cons to discuss with your advisor before implementing such investments.

## ARE YOU CONFUSED?

If the aforementioned strategies were easy to understand I wouldn't have a job. The Money Scene is here to educate you to feel more confident in working with your current advisors or to help you realize that you need new advisors. And if you decide your current advisors aren't cutting it - call me, I'd be happy to give you a reference to my favorite advisor. If you have a question you would like to appear in The Money Scene please call me at (805) 969-6200.

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## FRIENDSHIP HEARTS LUNCHEON

This is a heart shaped ornaments auction that happens every year for the friendship center which supports the adult daycare programs. It was a beautiful day for this incredible luncheon. The guests enjoyed the food in the sun as well as the entertainment.



Magician Mark Collier



Pat & Jim Dow



Janet Wilczak and Friends  
getting ready to sit down at their table.

## MAD HATTER

May 16th of 2007 at the Fess Parker Resort "The Mad Hatter" luncheon began at 11:30 am. The Reagan Room was filled with beautiful hats of every color and style. This year's theme was "A Bit of Broadway". There was a delightful lunch as well as entertainment. "The Mad Hatter" Luncheon is the benefit for the Transition House.



Silvio Di Loreto &  
Mary MacDonald



Milt & Arlene Larson -  
Magic Castle



Mary Hartlee &  
Chris Mitchum



Kathy Griver (r),  
shows off her  
extravagant hat with  
Friends.



Guests entering the  
Mad Hatter event.



Joyce Shaar (second from right)  
enjoying the festivities with  
other supporters.



Cynthia Ray,  
Loretta Redd &  
Suzanne Hunt



Daryl West &  
Heidi Holly



Kellie Gallegly &  
Helen Schneider



The Lunch turns  
out to be a great  
success as always.



This afternoon's luncheon  
benefits the Transition House.



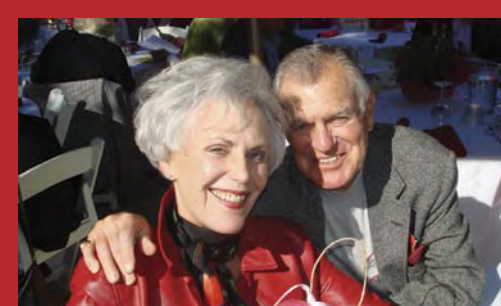
Guests looking  
lovely in their hats.



Phyllis Cromwell,  
Acacia Stowe &  
Crashena Lopez



Salud Carbajal &  
Mayor Marty Blum



Lynda Millner &  
Don Seth



Joyce Shaar



The theme of the event  
"A Bit of Broadway".



Guests go all out with their  
creative and lovely hats.



Chris Mitchum



Mary &  
Barnaby  
Conrad



Catherine Remak





## REHAB GALLERY

**ART EXHIBIT**  
Santa Barbara Art Gallery Exhibit was held at the Rehabilitation Institute of Santa Barbara. You can meet artists and enjoy the company of art lovers. The tickets are free.



Shawn Balla with Mike Flynt



Debbie Fisher & Monika Villa



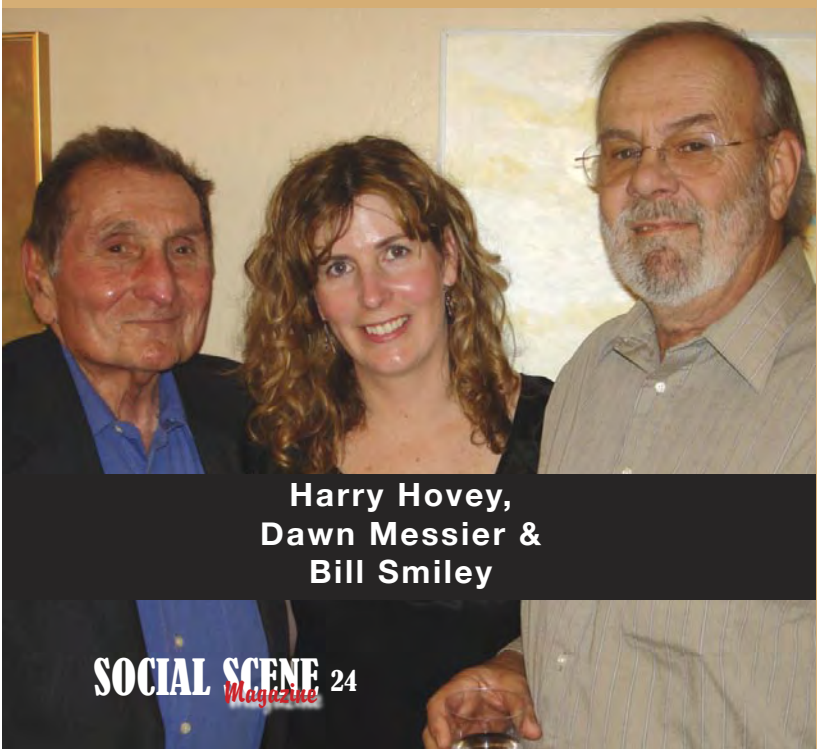
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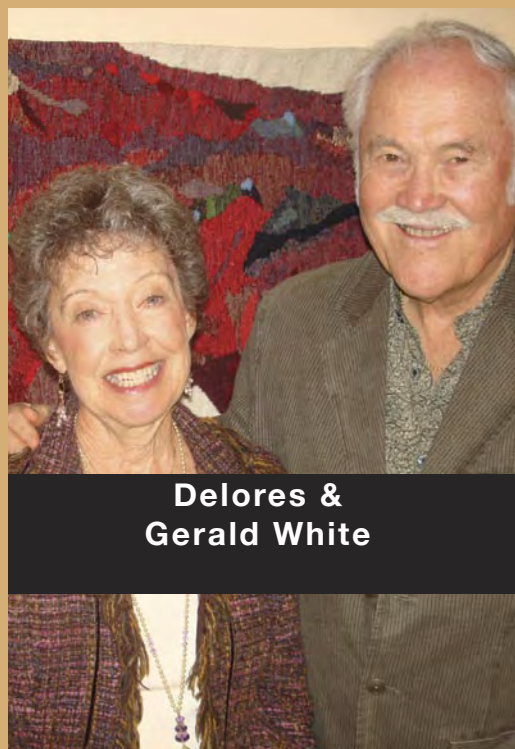
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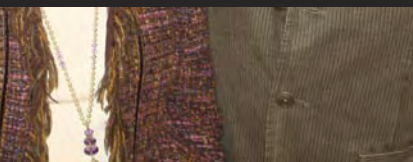
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Robin Eschler



Delores & Gerald White



Emily & Grace Fisher



Jim & Erin Graffy de Garcia



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Barry Fay & Doug Wilson



Dina Wilson

## MARYMOUNT SCHOOL "BLACK & WHITE BALL"



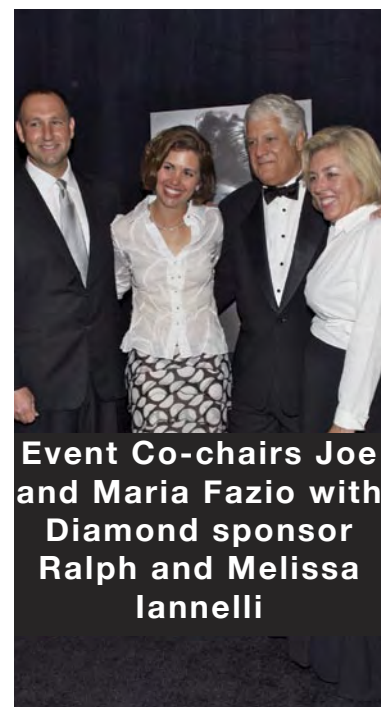
Head of School Deborah David, Reverend Ron David, and Marymount Board Chair Tisha Ford



Noelle Valentino danced throughout the evening.



Dave Bernahl and Todd Tempalski of Pacific Tweed



Event Co-chairs Joe and Maria Fazio with Diamond sponsor Ralph and Melissa Iannelli

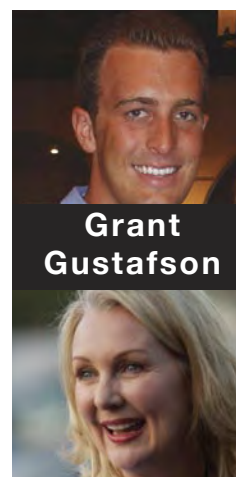
Elegance and Star studded best describes this year's Marymount "Black & White Ball". This years auction raised more than \$270,000. The money will be used to such items as computers, books, and school furniture. The evening was spectacular with everyone dancing the night away.



Rob and Sheryl Lowe



Lisa, Steve & Dina Wilson



Grant Gustafson

Laurel Barrack



Kristin Vemo, Kamala and Bill Parris



Sheryl Lowe, Dj Michael Smith & Jennifer Smith Hale





Alan & Lisa Parsons



# Music with Alan Parsons

By Evan Wells

I am a huge music buff - have been for years. Growing up playing the drums, I surrounded myself with people who love, and have great passion for, the same styles and genre of music that I do. Musicians have this amazing perceptive ability that subconsciously gravitates them towards other musicians that share similar interests in themes and styles. I can't exactly explain how it happens, so I chalk it up as "the kind work of the music gods".

Led Zeppelin, The Rolling Stones, Pink Floyd, and Jethro Tull are some of those bands, to name only a fraction, that wrote songs that are truly timeless in their content and their execution. Amazingly, those albums hold as much merit and value today as they did two and three decades ago when they were first written.

Pink Floyd's "Dark Side of the Moon" was, undoubtedly, one of those albums. The musicianship and ingenuity put forth by Roger Waters, David Gilmore, and Nick Mason was otherworldly. But more than just incredible melodies, captivating lyrics, and the relentless perfection has to happen to make these albums the eternal heavyweights that they are.

Every great album has the talent of a sound engineer. The person who's job it is to make sure that every sound intended for the listeners ears is delivered with impeccable grace.

That person of extraordinary musical brilliance for "Dark Side of the Moon" was Allen Parsons of the 1970's prodigal collaboration, The Allen Parsons Project.

I went to visit Allen recently at his home in the foothills behind Goleta. Over a little lunch, and a little bit more Sake, Allen, his wife Lisa (Allen is a VERY lucky man), and I had a chance to chat about, well, Allen and his life with music:

**EW:** It's hard to miss the British accent. What city were you born in?

**AP:** I was born in London on the 13th of December, 1948.

**EW:** That's my Dad's birthday!

**AP:** Your dad's a smart man!

**EW:** So the two dogs with us here today....what are their names?

**AP:** Well, that's Diesel.....and that's Buddy. We adopted Buddy from David Pack. Remember him? The lead singer of Ambrosia. They wrote songs like "How much I feel" and "You're the biggest part of me"

**EW:** What are your favorite instruments to play and write for?

**AP:** oh....the guitar and the piano mostly.

**EW:** You had involvement with the Beatles earlier in your career right?

**AP:** Absolutely. I was the Assistant Sound Engineer on the Beatles Abbey Road Album.



The Alan Parson's Project at the Arlington Theatre

**EW:** What were some of your biggest influences?

**AP:** I'm not sure I like the word influences in this context, but many things have contributed to the manner in which I've created a lot of my music. For instance, my solo album "On Air" was inspired by my visit to the Air and Space Museum in D.C.

**EW:** What was the concept of the Allen Parsons Project's 1976 album "Tales of Mystery and Imagination"

**AP:** It was based on stories by the writer Edgar Allen Poe. The later CD reissue was mixed from original mater tapes to enhance some of the narration sequences by Orson Welles.

**EW:** The Allen Parsons Project had some album remixes debuting this year. Which ones?

**AP:** "Tales of Mystery" is debuting later this year along with "I Robot" and "Eye in the Sky".

**EW:** Which member of the Beatles were you closest with?

**AP:** Paul certainly. I went on to work with the Wings albums "Wildlife" and "Red Rose Speedway".

**EW:** How did you and Lisa meet?

**AP:** We met after one of my shows in Baltimore over 12 years ago. We've been married for 4 years now.

**EW:** Your home is on the perfect plot of land? Do you enjoy living in Santa Barbara?

**AP:** Oh, well, we're very proud of our Santa Barbara address. Of course we live in the officially unincorporated area.

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to Allen and Lisa for letting me spend some time with them in their home in the best of surroundings - a bit of Sake and some great conversation.

In my opinion, Allen is a legend among true legends. We often think of screaming guitar licks and twenty minute drum solos and think of the person behind that instrument while we replay our favorite parts in our heads. But don't forget, that in order to make those moments sound as incredible as they do, we need the musical brilliance that's found in legends like Allen Parsons. ♦

*the end*



## AMGEN GALA

## AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA

There were two galas for Amgen. One gala was held in Solvang at the Scandinavian Inn and the other was held at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum. Both galas had great food entertainment and a lot of tired cyclists.

John Beauchamp,  
Andri Lynn &  
DJ Scott Topper

Barney Berglund  
with Shawn Hunter

Susanne  
Richardson &  
Jocelyn Marzullo

Kelly Daugherty,  
Joan & Robert Grissom  
& Dawn Sproul

Jo Shield &  
Joey Green

Paul Smith, Seth Sproul,  
Pete Sproul, Martin Lagarza  
& Bret Barker

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Judith Cook &  
Lt. Paul McCaffrey

Brian McNally &  
Lisa Manelli

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# Ask The Date Detective

**“Who’s lying next to you?”**

By Carmen Naimish

## The Date Detective Answers Your Questions

**Q.** My father is 82 and a widower. He lives alone at our family home and has a rather sizable estate. Dad recently hired a part-time assistant, (I’ll call her Susan) to help with meals and shopping, along with a few light chores.

Last week when I visited Dad, Susan was at the house and she was wearing a ring that I recognized as a family heirloom, it had belonged to my mother. I didn’t say anything at the time. Later, I asked Dad if he had given the ring to Susan and if so, why. Dad told me that Susan was good to him and that she had a rough life. Apparently Susan gave Dad a real sob story and he feels sorry for her; Dad said he thinks Susan deserves a break and should have some of the good things in life.

This week when I visited again, Susan was there. Her purse was open on the sofa, and I could see a large amount of cash tucked in the side pocket. I don’t know if I should have, but while Susan was in the other room I counted the cash; it totaled \$2,500.

I believe Dad pays an agency for Susan’s services, so unless it were a small gratuity, Dad should not be handing over cash to Susan. I don’t have proof of where the cash in Susan’s purse came from, but I suspect he gave it to her.

It seems Susan, who is in her 50’s has developed a close and overly friendly relationship with my father.

I’m worried about my Dad, his state of mind and Susan’s intentions. My inheritance could be affected here too. I don’t know much about Susan or her background but I don’t trust her. My Dad could be lonely, but this seems unhealthy and could perhaps be the beginning of a dangerous relationship.

### How should I handle this?

**A.** The scenario you describe could very possibly be financial elder abuse. Good for you for recognizing these signs. If you have siblings tell them about the events you’ve described and your suspicions. If you’re an only child it’s up to you to get to the bottom of it.

Elder Abuse in any form, financial or otherwise, is rampant today in the United States. Contact the agency your father contracted with for Susan. Inquire if a background check was conducted and, if so, how in depth it was.

Many times a person simply has not been caught or convicted of a previous crime so their criminal record could be clear. Or perhaps the person committed a crime in a jurisdiction that the agency has not checked. Do rely on your instincts; if you feel something is wrong, it probably is.

In this case you already have justifiable reasons for concern and for your suspicions. Ask the agency to provide you with a copy of Susan’s resume, application, and results of the background check they conducted. If you’re not satisfied other remedies can be pursued.

I urge you to show up at your Dad’s house unexpectedly and more often; observe any unusual behavior. If he takes medication, make sure you know what it is and how often it is prescribed. Become involved on your Dad’s behalf.

**Q.** I met a man at a club in my neighborhood about two months ago, (I’ll call him Harry). We hit it off and have been on several dates since. He is very exciting but does not appear to have a significant means of support, i.e., a real job.

Harry says he owns a home in another state and owns a business too. I’ve not been to his home. He tells me that his company is an import-export business and he travels. Harry is 51 and says he’s divorced.

I’m in my 40’s, divorced, with a son in college. I have a great job and own my home. I don’t want to waste my time with Harry or jeopardize my life style, or particularly my son’s well being. I’m just not sure about Harry. What questions should I ask him and what type of investigation should I conduct to feel more comfortable with him?

### How can I look into his background?

**A.** Ask Harry how long he has owned his home and confirm with him the city and state it is located. An investigation would include a search for property records. If he tells you he owns a home in California and does not, and we find that he owns a home in Texas, it could make a difference in your decision regarding a long-term relationship and future with him.

I’d also ask Harry some questions about his business. If incorporated, there will be documentation on file with the Secretary of State. If not a corporation, he may use a business name other than his own real name. In this case a fictitious business name filing will be on record in the county in which it was filed.

Although these records alone will not provide a complete picture, the research is necessary. Comparing Harry’s claims to the findings will separate fact from fiction. You might find out more than you ever expected.

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**Santa Barbara Breakers Team**

Santa Barbara Breakers are showing off their talent on Saturday nights at City College. Lamond Murray, an NBA veteran, joined the Breakers to add spark to the competition. Some of the top players on the team are Toby Bailey with an average of 26 points a game. Other players like Billy Knight, Trayvon Lathan, Ronell Mingo and Fred Vinson all average at least 15 - 19 points a game.

**SPORTS  
BASKETBALL**



Ryan Davis, Ronell Mingo, Allan Purnell, Treyvon Lathan and Billy Knight

**AMGEN RACE  
CYCLISTS**



Cyclists start young

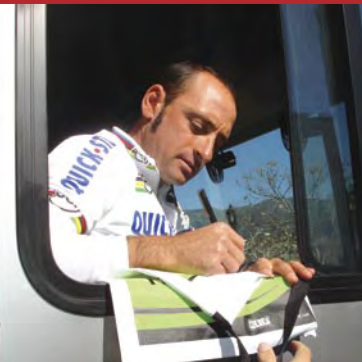
An experience to remember for high-caliber cyclists in the Amgen Tour of California. The event was held Feb 18 - 25, 2007. The cyclists ride along the coast of California.



Lexie Brown & Ralph Fertig



Barney Berglund



Signing autographs



Getting ready for a ride



Nelson Vails, Olympian, Keith Bartleson & Michael Zellmann



Jonathan Garcia, Alex Moos & Jackson Stewart



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Going for the Goal



Bibi Fairbanks with Regina Lande



Elizabeth Skene



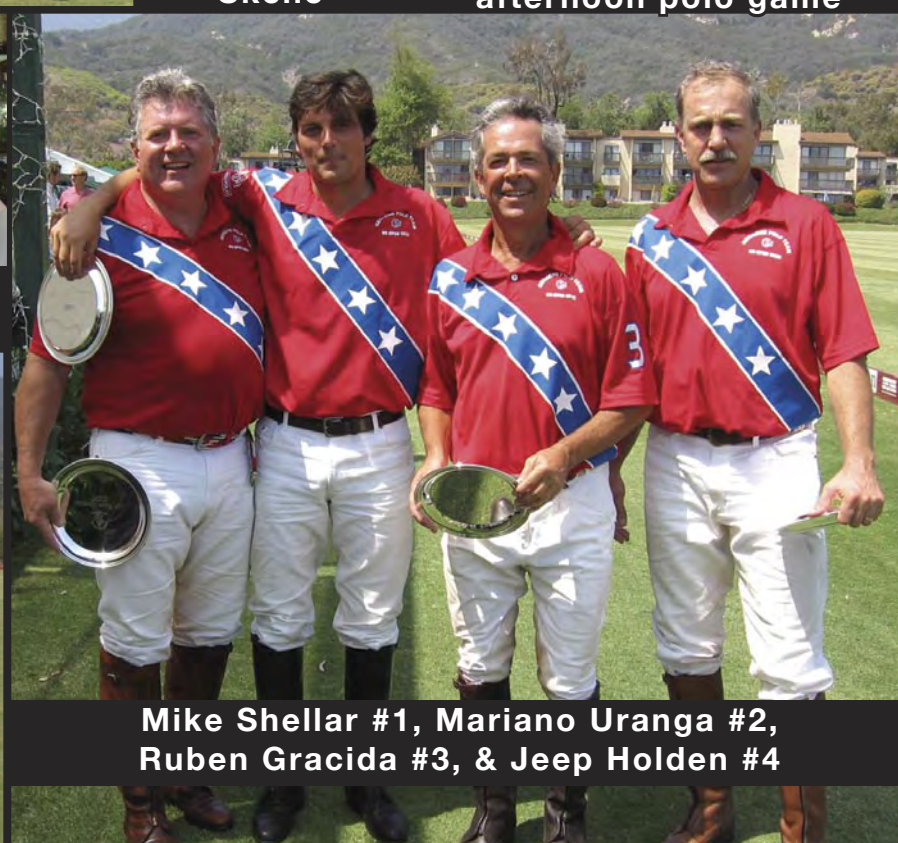
Enjoying the Sunday afternoon polo game



Getting ready for the afternoon crowd



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Mike Shellar #1, Mariano Uranga #2, Ruben Gracida #3, &amp; Jeep Holden #4



## SANTA BARBARA

SUNDAYS AT THE SANTA BARBARA POLO CLUB - WATCH THE GAME OF KINGS

## Polo

by Alex Brenner

## EXPERIENCE THE EXCITEMENT - POLO



One of the winning teams for the afternoon included Joel Ladin, with teammates Lande, Zedda, Von Wienck.



Glen Holden III, Mariano Uranga &amp; Guenevere Holden



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**John Sauvey**

Opera Santa Barbara held a special brunch at the newly renovated San Ysidro Ranch. This is an on going tradition. The Opera lovers were serenaded by an Opera singer while they sat and enjoyed brunch.



**Jamie Chamberlin**



**Lorraine Hansen**



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**Kathy & Sam Frye**



**Roger Cantrell**



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## American Lung Association

### "CELEBRITY WAITERS GALA"

On Saturday March 3rd, 2007 local celebrities became waiters to those who support the American Lung Association. Such celebrities included civic leaders, elected officials and media personalities. The event honored Dr Myron Liebhaber. The theme was "Mardi Gras". Everyone danced to JT and the Zydeco Zippers.



**David Edelman, Vince Falcone, Silvio Di Loreto, Mary MacDonald & Helene Schneider**



**Congresswoman Lois Capps presenting recognition to Dr. Liebhaber**



**Das Williams**



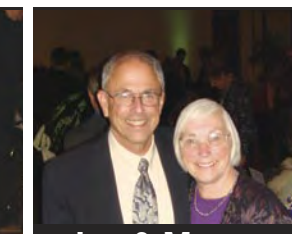
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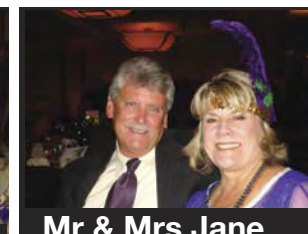
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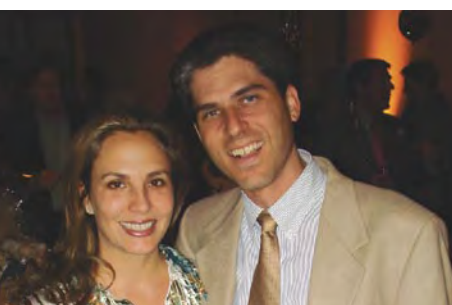
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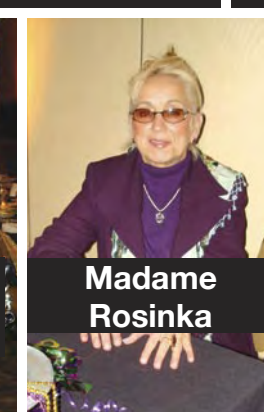
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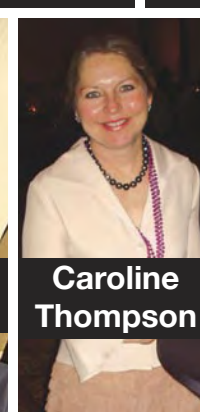
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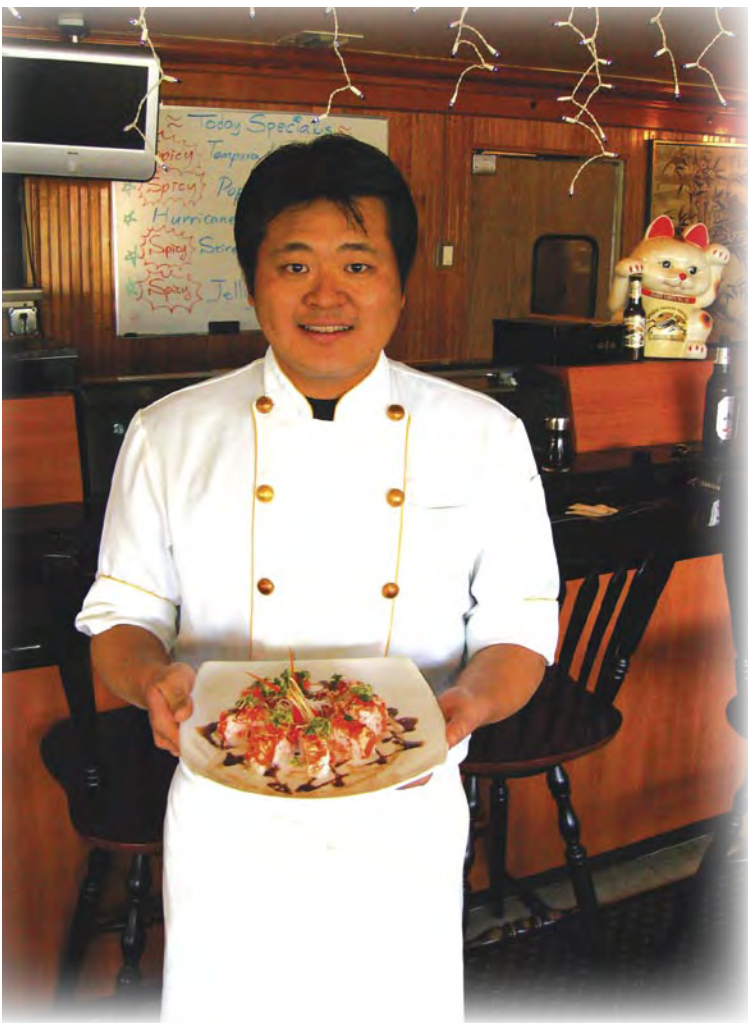
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**Chef Robert**

Takenoya Restaurant  
Tao Chen/proprietor

“I try to preserve the traditional Japanese recipes.”

- open square box for shaping
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- crab meat in the middle layer
- then top with seared salmon
- close the box and press for a few seconds.
- open the box, and cut it into 8 pieces
- top with sesame sauce and/or sweet eel sauce(both available at any local Asian foods market
- for aesthetics put a layer of masago (smelt egg) top with chopped green onion.
- top with toasted sesame seeds for a excellent added flavor



“See what’s heating up in the kitchen”

# Dueling Chefs

Goleta was in need of GREAT sushi for quite some time. But soon after the departure of Margie’s Diner at 5934 Calle Real, owner Tao Chen seized that opportunity and became the largest and in many eyes, the best Japanese restaurant in town.

With specials like their Tokatsu Donburi and Spicy Green Mussel Roll, Takenoya is quickly becoming known for maintaining the highest standards in preserving traditional Japanese recipes, while not shying away from experimentation in bridging new flavors and combinations.

With a refreshing bamboo decor, you’ll certainly enjoy dining at Takenoya. Open for lunch and dinner, Takenoya is a great place to host a large party or to simply just get out of the kitchen.

The large private party room is perfect for birthdays, rehearsal dinners, or graduations. Their large projection t.v. screen also makes Takenoya an excellent place for work lunch meetings or mixers. Karaoke is available upon request.

Please call for more information or to make your reservation.

Amidst the seemingly endless amounts of outstanding Mexican eateries on Milpas Street, stands a little place that packs a TON of flavor.

Saigon Restaurant, officially known as Saigon In and Out, brings traditional Vietnamese flavors to the table with outstanding presentation and undeniable authenticity.

If you love to eat like I do, don’t hesitate to try a bowl of Pho. Pho is a traditional Vietnamese noodle soup that can be served with chicken, fish, or beef. The beef happens to be my favorite.

The Goi Cuon are equally as incredible. A rice paper egg roll of sorts, they’re filled with shrimp, pork, and mixed vegetables. They’re unbelievable and their inexpensive!!! \$3.95 gets you a plate of these gastronomical pleasers.

Saigon is open for lunch and dinner and is located at 318 N. Milpas St. The service is excellent, and the staff and owners are wonderfully sweet people.

This issue’s Dueling Chefs feature two incredible eateries that are off the beaten path - but only by a few steps. Give them both a try! I guarantee you will not be disappointed.



**Chef William**

Saigon Restaurant

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Santa Barbara has long been a huge tourist destination - the third most popular in the world in 2004. Nightclubs, restaurants, historical sights, and not to mention the sheer aesthetic perfection, have all been reasons our hotels have "No Vacancy" signs on from May to October.

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I've been asked before. Where does one go for great food, a well-poured drink, and some good ole' fashioned live music? Not the kind that's blasted through 16'x16' speakers loud enough to make someone's blood curdle in Des Moines.

My first answer has been and always will be The Brewhouse. Located on West Montecito St., a block away from the train station, this has been as regular a stopping point for locals for the past eight years, as Cold Spring Tavern was 130 years ago for stagecoaches.

When I say locals, I mean that in a couple of different ways. Primarily, there are locals who were born and raised here. Next, there are those who are just simply in the know.

They started out with half of the space they have today. After the Laundromat next door to them decided to call it quits, the Brewhouse decided to take over that space, expand the restaurant, and start brewing their own fine selection of suds.

The James Brown Ale, The Nirvana Pale, and the Condor Pilsner, to name a few, are all native to the Brewhouse. Delicious indeed, they also have an incredible menu to boot.

When you go, if you're in the mood for something more than just a cheeseburger, and their burgers are amazing I might add, try the Filet Mignon and Wild Mushroom Enchiladas. They're modeled after the traditional flat style enchiladas and they're finished with an Achiote Lime Sauce that's like no other.

The fire-roasted artichoke is always a great way to start the meal. Last time I was there, I coupled it with a cold pint of the Pilsner. My god what a combo!

All of their soups are made in-house. My favorite is the Posole. Their Tomato Gorgonzola is equally as hard to pass up.

If you still have room for desert, or simply don't care about your waste line, then try the otherworldly Peanut Butter Cream Pie drizzled with hot fudge. This little arch nemesis of the arteries, was voted one of the L.A. Times "10" Best Deserts for 2001.

Usually quite busy, The Brewhouse will only take reservations for parties of ten or more so when you get there you might have to wait a few, especially if it's a weekend night. Their house margarita "The Brewhouse Marg" is always \$3.50 and always delicious. At a price like that, I certainly don't mind waiting a minute.

With live music Wednesday through Saturday nights, the Brewhouse is the perfect destination to satisfy all of your senses.

Give them a call to see who's on stage or what the soup of the day is! They can't wait to hear from you.

Oh, and by the way, I'll already be there when you arrive!

Cheers and Enjoy! ❖

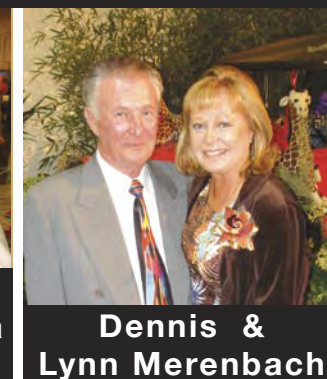


## ORCHID FEST

The colors were very vibrant at the orchid festival. There was every type of orchid you could imagine.



Debbie Branch Geremia, Sandra Svoboda & Danielle Crowder



Dennis & Lynn Merenbach



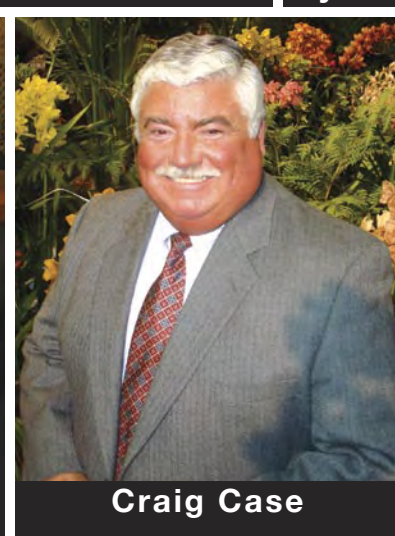
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EXOTIC CARS

# 2007 Ferrari Enzo

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By Eliot Cooper

With Real Estate prices taking a bit of a plunge these days, everyone is looking for ways to add a little value to their homes - maybe a new set of cupboards for the kitchen, or a festive wallpaper for Junior's room.

If you happen to walk out to your garage and find a shiny red Ferrari Enzo parked as if it were on display, well that certainly adds just over \$1,000,000 of value to your humble abode.

That is of course if you decide to sell the house "furnished" if you know what I mean.

This twelve cylinder super car, built by Ferrari and named after the company's founder Enzo Ferrari, was only produced for 2003. Using Formula One Technology such as a carbon-fiber body, F1 style sequential shift transmission, and carbon ceramic disc brakes, the company built 400 of these screamers.

The Enzo was originally introduced at the 2002 Paris Motor Show with a limited production number of 349 cars starting at \$643,000.

Ferrari sent invitations to existing customers, specifically those who owned or at one time owned the Ferrari F40 and F50. All 349 units were sold prior to the start of production. Evidently the enthusiasts realized that the renowned

Italian carmakers had something incredible hidden up their sleeves yet again.

After a flood of requests, Ferrari decided to build 50 more Enzos, bringing the total to 399.

On November 8th 2005, Ferrari announced that it would build one additional Enzo, bringing the final number produced to 400. Auctioned by Sotheby's Maranello to benefit survivors of the catastrophic 2004 Tsunami, it sold for almost twice its list price - over \$1,000,000. Currently the Enzo typically trades for over \$1,000,000 at auction.

As Ferris Bueller once said, "If you have the means, I highly recommend picking one up".

Come on folks! That's but pennies in the bucket for a fine ride like this!

We'll see you on the racetrack! ♦



Rear

## WHEELS & WAVES CAR SHOW

People braved the rain this year for the Wheels and Waves carshow. Its a hotrod show which also benefited the "Progeria Foundation". There were cars that haven't been seen around town in years. It was fun stepping back in time



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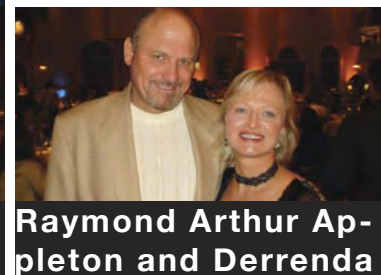


## PAL GALA AT THE BACARA



Officer Kent Wojciechoski with Honoree Ralph Iannelli

Many generous supporters of Santa Barbara came to the Bacara to raise funds for the Santa Barbara Police Department Police Activites



Raymond Arthur Appleton and Derrenda



Obi of Auto Gallery with Guest



PAL Youth



Ken Clements, Leslie Leaney, Julie MacDonald & Fred Aichele



Carol Kallman, Dawn Barthelmess, Shelia & Mike VonAlvensleben & Barbara Aichele



## DIVE TRIBUTE

Commercial Divers were honored with a special trophy at the Maritime Museum. There was great food, entertainment and a great group of people.



Craig & Laura Case with Stephen Miller & Melissa Gough



Velia Razom, Andy Granatelli & Yatzie Ponce



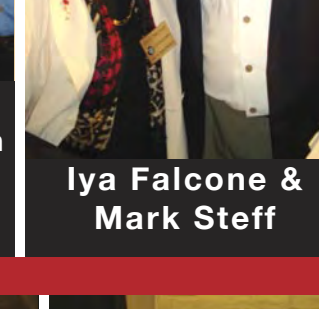
Olivia & Police Chief Cam Sanchez



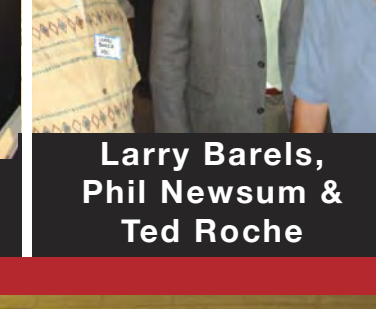
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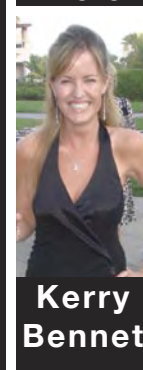
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Ray Winn, Eric Spivey & Dolly Granatelli



Clas Lensander & Sharon Ebel



Kerry Bennet



Arts Alive Pal Kids: Jatzibe, Victor & Laura with Kim Wolcott



Honorees The Iannelli's



Cristen Amyx, Grayson Peters, Bill & Missy Macfadyen & Jillena Eifer



Tanya Valenzuela & Doris Kavanagh



Ed Galsterer (top), John Holes, Mark Dispenza & Jerry Anderson



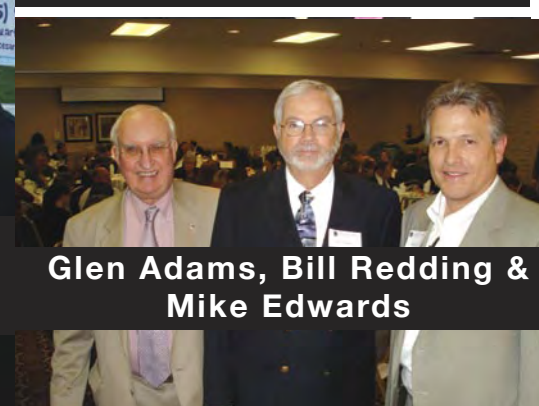
Jim Gray, Jennifer McGovern, David Damiano & Jerry Exterada

## GOLETA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRIBUTE

The Annual Luncheon was at the Holiday Inn in Goleta. All the local business owners came out to have lunch and share ideas.



Officer Guterrez with Ernesto Parades, Janet Garufis, David Edelman, Rebecca Wilson & Bill Peso



Glen Adams, Bill Redding & Mike Edwards



Ken Knight, Janet Wolf & Rick Yost





## WEDDINGS

### THAT'S AMORE!



--- Santa Barbara's premier wedding column! ---

Now that he has asked you to marry you and you said yes, where do you go from here? Do not despair; here are some great light-hearted, helpful tips that will hopefully guide you on your journey to the altar.

For starters, your wedding is a production! Your obligation is to put on a show that will impress the women. The men will appreciate your effort, but the reality is, give the women a good how and your wedding will be a success!

Secondly, a lack of planning will guarantee unwanted failure. So plan, plan, plan for every detail and keep a detailed checklist. The more months you have to plan, the more options you have for everything, including some room to re-negotiate with certain vendors.

When planning the date consider:

- The weather, the weather, the weather (did I say weather?). I can't stress this one enough. Always have "plan B" should the weather change last minute on your wedding day.
- Make sure that the most important people do not have scheduled commitments for that day that they cannot change.
- Check for holidays. Sometimes they may interfere with air travel or transportation for out of town guests. If a number of relatives and friends have to fly in, check with some local hotels or motels as far as a group rates for those dates and let people know right away.

If planning a beachside wedding, make sure to check for tide charts. Some of our beaches will be partially under water at high tide and this can really put a "damper" on your wedding day. You might want to plan your wedding ceremony around low tide to avoid any disappointments, so, plan, plan ahead!

Get specific contracts with your vendors - bands, DJ, florists, caterers, and bakery - have everything in writing. And ask for hidden costs that could be charged to you such as traveling, over time, sales tax. Insist on all the details in the contract. When negotiating with your wedding photographer, specify that you want an efficient picture-taking schedule. Also, remember that your caterer is depending on you sticking to your schedule so that food will be at its peak. I know from experience, your guests will not enjoy cold food (unless sushi is the main entree). Weigh the cuteness factor when considering using children in the ceremony under the age of five. They have small attention spans and become bored easily.

Make sure the groom has some involvement in the planning. This is very important! You never know, their input might make sense. However, just between us girls, we always have the ultimate say-so.

Tactfully make sure the mothers understand that this is your wedding. If you have reached a sticking point, just back off a bit. Where possible, give in on some detail if it would make you happier to see your mother's satisfaction than to get your own way. But, if it's something that you absolutely have your own heart set on, we encourage you to cry uncontrollably until you get your own way.

For the day of the wedding, the bride should have an emergency kit packed for the wedding ceremony and reception. An emergency pair of this and that, safety pins, sewing kit, two-sided white tape, and lots of tissue for those emotional moments.

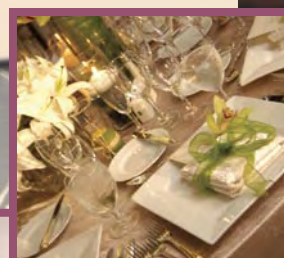
To wrap it up, use patience, plan-plan-plan, write it down, get the details, divide work into teams, compromise where needed, give yourself months and months to organize, and enjoy the planning process itself. And never assume anything. Check and double check for all details and possible snags and emergencies. Plan on how you will cope and overcome any unforeseen emergencies...they just might happen.

Happy planning!  
Alma Rose Middleton  
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Officiant: Rev. Jerry Belamy  
Event Planner to the Stars:  
Andrea Wyn Schall, L.A.  
Floral Design: Luna Gardens, Beverly Hills  
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Meet Mr & Mrs Roddan



The first kiss as man and wife



Ashley, Drew and Family

*Weddings by the Sea*

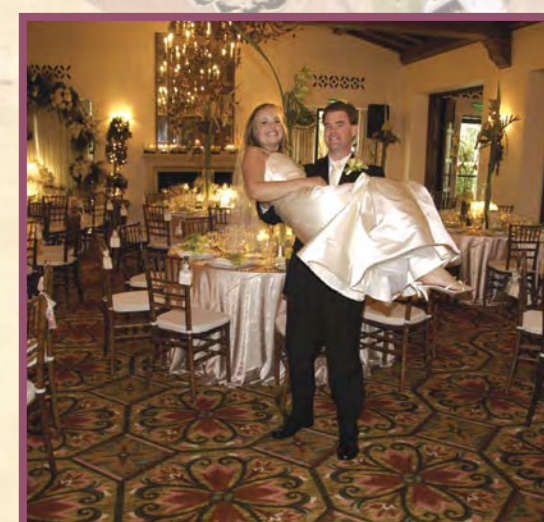
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# Allison Brogan and Jason Petchenick



Allison waits with anticipation.



The Bride & Groom

*I present to you our newlyweds...*

--- Brogan/Petchenick Wedding ---

Names: Allison Brogan and Jason Petchenick  
Date: July 2nd 2006  
Photographer: Harrison Douglas Photography  
Flower: Precious Petals  
Planner: Make My Day  
Cake: Anna's Bakery  
Rabbi: Dr. Martin Solomon  
Video: Your the Star  
Hair and Make up: Julie Morgan  
Band: Word of Mouth

--- Mr. and Mrs. Jason Horton of Montecito ---

Married: Saturday April 7, 2007  
Venue: Oxnard Shores  
Reception: Private Estate  
Officiant: Alma Rose Middleton  
Photographer: PJ Milligan [www.pjimagegallery.com](http://www.pjimagegallery.com)  
Caterer/Private Chef: Jason Horton  
Special guests: Bill & Sandi Nicholson, Montecito  
John Saladino and Betty Barrett, Montecito  
Ralph Iannelli II & Ralph Iannelli III, Montecito  
Musician: David Searfoss, Trumpeteer



Men of the wedding party.



Mr & Mrs. Horton



## Engagements

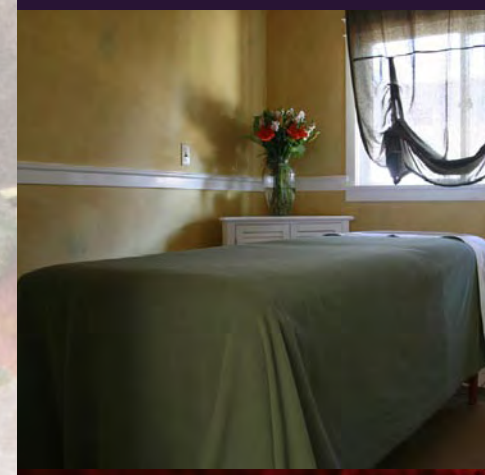


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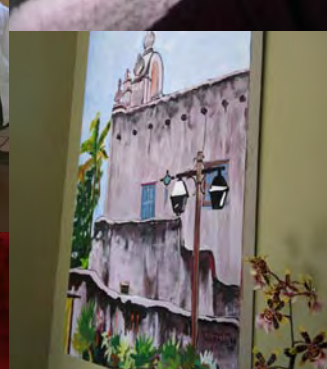
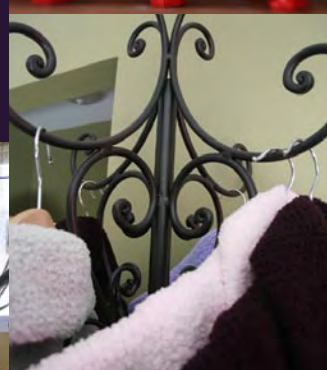
Mr. & Mrs. Yong Kim of Bethlehem, PA and Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Danelly of Santa Barbara are pleased to announce the engagement of Michelle Kim and Christopher Danelly who plan to be married on August 18 in Napa at the Jacuzzi Winery. Michelle received her BA from Cornell University and her PhD from Columbia University. Christopher received his BS from University of California at Santa Barbara and is a Vice-President with JP Morgan Chase Global Securities in San Francisco. The couple will make their home in San Francisco.



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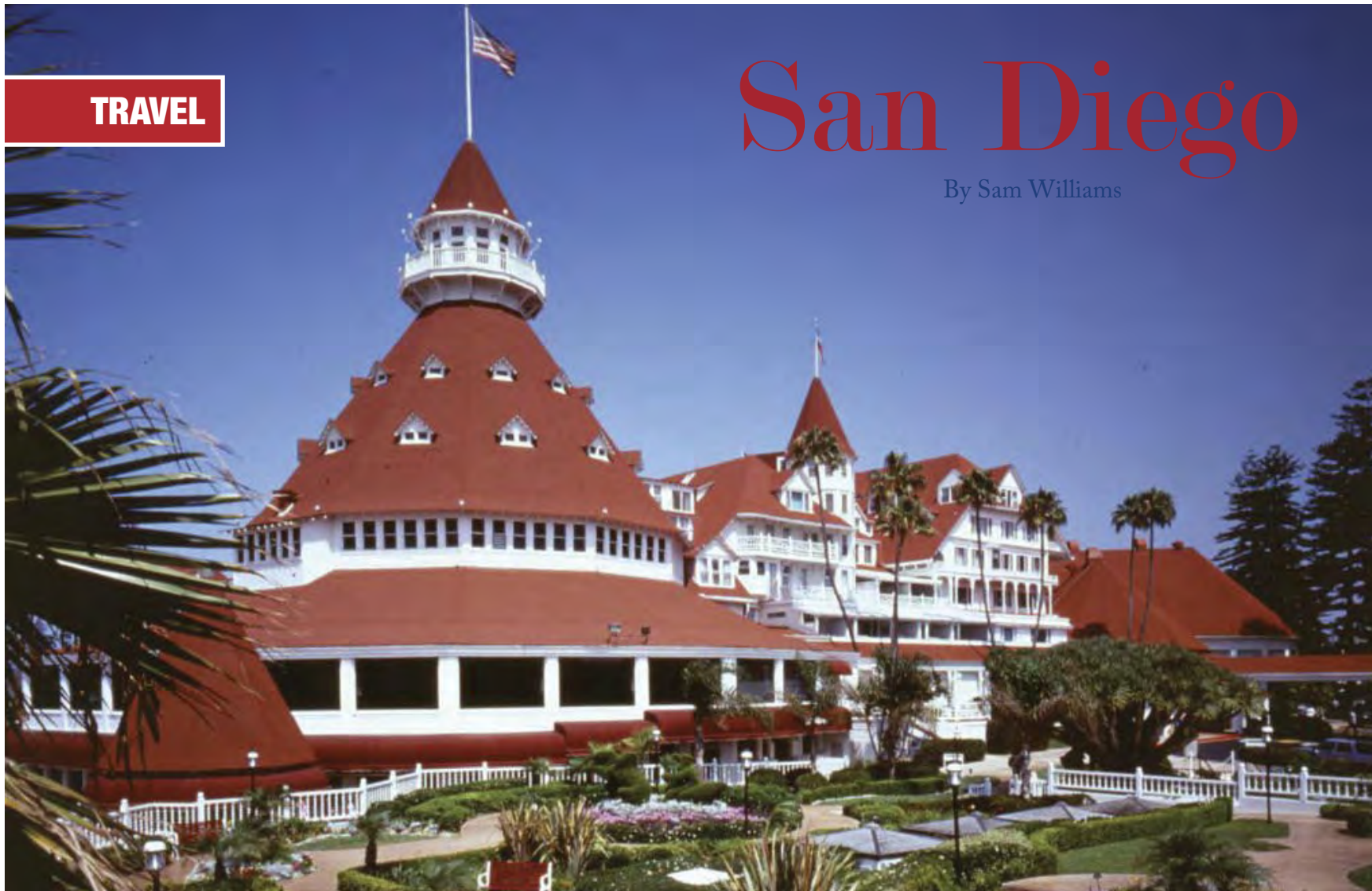
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# San Diego

By Sam Williams



## Hotel Del Coronado

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any locals claim that San Diego offers the world's greatest climate. After having been there quite recently, we here at Social Scene are finding that hard to dispute. During the four days we spent there, the temperature did not budge from 77, degrees with a cool off shore breeze. I'll be the first to tell you, that kind of weather makes sightseeing infinitely more enjoyable - bringing out the most those destinations have to offer.

San Diego is California's second largest city, and the seventh largest in the nation. Bordered by Mexico, the Pacific Ocean, the Anza-Borrego desert, and the Laguna Mountains, San Diego County itself, spans 4,200 square miles.

The city itself is easily accessible by car. The drive will take about 4 hours provided traffic isn't an issue. Come to think of it, I don't remember the last time that traffic wasn't an issue. Amtrak goes south from everywhere that there's a station on the central coast. It's an immensely relaxing way to reach your destination. Hop on the train first thing in the morning with a good book. By the time you've had an early lunch and a glass or two of Pinot Grigio, you're pulling into the station in downtown San Diego.

Situated right on the waterfront in downtown is the Gaslamp District. The area came to life around 1850 when, in an effort to establish a town directly on San Diego's waterfront, wealthy San Franciscan William Heath Davis began developing land near what is now the foot of Market Street. In present day, the Gaslamp District is the place to wine, dine, and entertain in San Diego. With eateries and clubs like, Heat Supper Club, Deco's, Bondi Bar & Kitchen, Aubergine, and Altitude to name a few, there are plenty of options to satisfy your gastronomic and rhythmic desires.

If you plan to stay for more than one night, which we highly recommend you do, San Diego proper and surrounding areas offer up a host of world famous destinations. Sea World, Lego Land, San Diego Zoo, and The Wild Animal Park are all spectacular and breathtaking in their own right.

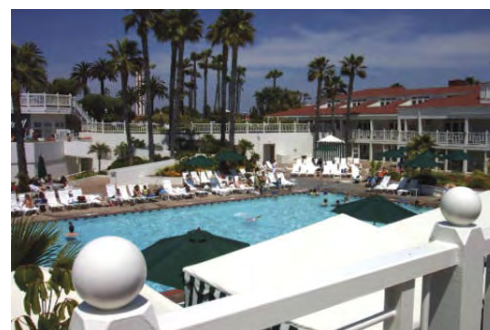
I particularly enjoyed the San Diego Wild Animal Park. With its newest exhibit, "The Journey into Africa", you can experience an intimate an up-close introduction to Rhinos, Giraffes, Cape Buffalos, Ostriches, Zebras, and Antelope. Other tours include the Photo Caravan Safari Tours and the Cheetah Run Safari.

To catch a baseball game, you can head over to Petco Park to watch the San Diego Padres duke it out with whichever unlucky rivals are in town that day. If baseball isn't your staple sport, Petco Park is still an impressive place to visit. For nine dollars, adults can get an hour-and-a-half walking tour of the facility. These run Tuesday through Sunday.

Spring and summer is the best time to visit San Diego. Miles of beaches for the often forgotten art of relaxation and Zen skill of people watching, art galleries and museums for the intellectual spirit, and eateries and nightclubs for the urban animal inside all of us.

San Diego has it all with beautiful people to boot. There's no reason to put it off. You can make it as inexpensive or as lavish as you like. There's plenty to do for all budgets. As we at Social Scene are used to saying:

"WE'LL SEE YOU THERE"!! ♦



# Tahiti

By Sam Williams



Huts in Moorea



View of Bora Bora

So you want to get away to a tropical paradise. You've spent the last five Christmases sipping Mai Tais on the beach in Waikiki. Hilton Head is beautiful, no doubt, but you want something different - something even more tropical and remote.

Can you get more tropical than Hawaii? Absolutely.

About three hours southwest of the Hawaiian Islands by plane, lies the archipelago of the Society Islands in French Polynesia. Tahiti is the largest Island of French Polynesia. The capital Papeete sits on the northwest coast.

Although Tahiti is comprised of 118 islands and atolls, spreading across an area the size of Western Europe, the islands of Moorea and Bora Bora attract the most tourism by far. An eight-hour flight from Los Angeles, the islands are in the same time zone as Hawaii, and sit as far south of the equator as Hawaii does north.

Moorea, The Magical Island, is exactly what you would dream a South Pacific paradise to be. A broad shallow lagoon surrounds the islands dramatic, jagged mountains. Tumbling waterfalls and peaceful meadows surround villages of pastel painted houses, laden with lush gardens of Hibiscus and Birds of Paradise.

Bora Bora, The Romantic Island, is a vivid display of blues and greens, Home to Mount Otemanu, Bora Bora boasts vast valleys gracefully overrun with blossoming hibiscus and white sand beaches. Considered by many to be the most beautiful island in the world, Bora Bora has long been the chosen destination for weddings and honeymoons.

Post-Impressionist painter Henri Paul Gauguin captured, so brilliantly, the beauty of Tahiti, her islands, and her people. A resident of Tahiti from the late 1800's until his death in 1903, Gauguin painted some of the most well known likenesses of the Tahitians ever created.

Some of the numerous activities available to visitors include romantic cruises, rejuvenating spas, snorkeling the brilliantly colored reefs, and sailing the crystal blue atolls.

Don't expect to come to Tahiti and find the nightlife that you may expect to find on some of the islands in Hawaii. People who come to Tahiti want to escape the thumping discos and overcrowded beaches that many have come to expect on Hawaii's more popular islands.

Tahiti is technically a part of France - a French colony. A passport will be required to travel there. For stays up to one month, there are no Visa requirements for citizens of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

Pacific Holidays, Pleasant Holidays, and Sunspots International are just a few of the companies that can offer you unforgettable vacation packages to Tahiti.

Be detailed in our search for the right package. Where one package may offer more spa time, you may want to spend more time diving or sailing.

Packages can start as low as \$1300 per person for seven nights all inclusive. ♦



# Experience the World

## 5 Top Exotic Hotels

By Sam Williams

Year after year, travel websites and magazines, Berlitz Guides and travel shows, rate hotels across the world on everything from location to services. How amazing is the food? Was there a doorman at every entrance? Was there a swim-up bar at the pool?

Everyone's putting together a top 10 or top 20 list!

Many of our readers have traveled to far away locales to dig deep within their pockets and experience these homes away from home for themselves.

Nestled at the edge of a rainforest with the waves of the Indian Ocean lapping at their feet, perched dominantly at 11,000 feet above sea level in the majestic and stately Swiss Alps, or caressed by the starlight on a South African big game reserve, these 5 star money makers with a hot shower are found in every climate, latitude and continent in the world.

Social Scene Magazine has done its research. To list the top 100, would take a whole issue. To list even 10 of them might take away your attention from some of our other great articles. So we decided that a list of the top 5 (the top 5 in our opinion of course) would make for a fun daydream - a quick escape or mega-mini vacation if you will.

So here they are.....we believe you'll whole-heartedly agree:

**#1** The Singita Private Game Reserve is located in the world-renowned Sabi-Sands, a massive expanse of pristine untouched Africa. The Singita Reserve boasts 5 separate lodges for a guest to choose from.

The Ebony Lodge exemplifies traditional safari Africa, The Boulders Lodge epitomizes refinement, and the Castleton, Lembobo, and Sweni Lodge all host their own unique touches.

With rates from \$1500 a night, The Singita Lodge is the epic way to couple refinement and one's need for the rugged wildlife that Africa is so well known for.



The Singita Lodge

The Inverlochy Castle



**#2** The Inverlochy Castle, located in Fort William, Scotland was voted "The Best Hotel in Scotland" by Travel + Leisure Magazine in 2006. Each of the 17 rooms has their own individualized design, boasting breathtaking views of the grounds and the mountains.

The castle was built in 1863 by the first Lord Abinger. It stands near the sight of the original 13th century fortress.

Inverlochy was a private residence until 1969 when it was converted to a hotel.

The hotel itself offers Tennis, Fishing and Falconry. Nearby is Ben Nevis, the tallest mountain in the U.K., Loch Ness, Hiking, Mountain Biking, and Skiing.

Rates start at US\$1200 per night.

**#3** On the waterfront, overlooking Victoria Harbor and the Financial District, The Four Seasons Hong Kong offers excellence and luxury.

The hotel is located within the city center and the cultural district shops are a short walking distance from the hotel.

A ferry ride across Victoria Harbor on the Star Ferry will get you to the Tsim Sha Tsui Shops - a hugely popular shopping district amongst tourists.

Rates are from US\$1200 per night

The Four Seasons Hong Kong



**#4** Voyages Lizard Island

Located on the spectacular Great Barrier Reef in Australia, Voyages Lizard Island is Australia's northernmost resort. Colorful Coral Reefs and expansive white beaches, this tranquil escape has won handfuls of international awards for excellence.

Opportunities for diving, sailing, and fishing abound. Glass bottom boat trips, bushwalking, or a treatment at the luxurious Azure Spa, are also incredible ways to spend your hard earned dollars.

With 3 night spa packages starting at \$2,725 dollars per person, this is truly a trip not to be forgotten.

Voyages Lizard Island



The Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, California.



**#5** The Post Ranch Inn, Big Sur, California.

The Post Ranch Inn is tucked away on the cliffs of Big Sur, California. Perfect for a honeymoon, anniversary, or a relaxing vacation, the luxury resort's organic architecture embraces the dramatic beauty of the Big Sur Coastline.

A short drive from Monterey or Carmel, both incredible in their own right, the hotel offers rustic elegance with every amenity one can imagine.

Hike, relax by the pool, and enjoy a massage or one of their daily yoga classes.

Rates are from \$550 - \$1385 per night.

These are our favorites! Everyone will have their own! Regardless, the idea of vacation is to getaway, relax, and remove yourself from the stresses of everyday life. Up the road or across the oceans, every continent boasts their own incredible hotels. ♦

*Bon Voyage*



## FIRST THURSDAYS

### Studio Three Gallery

First Thursday is an ongoing monthly event conducted by the Santa Barbara Downtown Organization that helps you experience art and culture in downtown Santa Barbara.



Marlin Carter & Bill Lewis



Art Korngiebel & Charles Fairbanks



Magdalena & James Briggs



Sally Fair Banks, Carol Taylor & Beth Westen



Barbara Popp, Donna Davirro, Tara Swink, Maranee McDonald & Ericka Harder



Chris deRose & Elisha Lamar



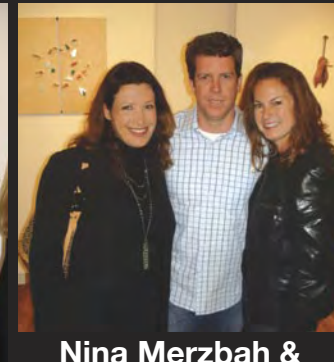
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Katie Swilley, & Cindy Vandewoudeman



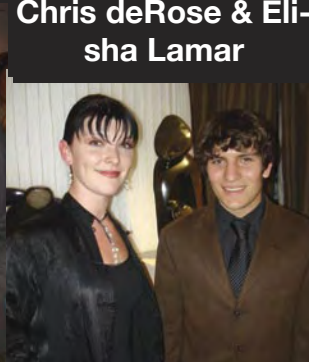
Justin & Donna Ayscough



Nina Merzbah & Kieran & Amy Maloney



Christian with Jonah Blossom



Erica Nelson & Josh Funke



Dana Schorr & Catherine Almo



Anneke de Laat, Wosene Kosrof & Lori Austin



Lynn Maguire & Jim Schrodek



Doug Uyesaka & Mary Price



Ethan Manach



Catherine Breen & Jerry Svedlow



Christopher De Rose & Willie Shawn



Aaron Lamar

## First Thursday Zia Jewelry

There are all types and forms of art on display for viewers to enjoy.

Approximately twenty art galleries keep their doors open for you to enjoy music and refreshments.



It is interesting to meet artists and watch them in action with their demonstrations.



Tom Reynolds & Lori Willis



Linda Diamant & Lois Allison



Kati Louis & Miki Garcia



Xaviiera Simmons



Micheal J. Bennett



Cali Turner-Alpert & Amanda Liera



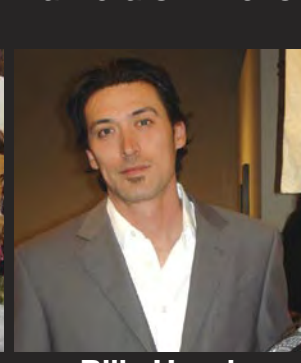
Kristine Mollenkopf & Denise Cornwell



Roberto Liera



Sara Tell & Jenn Figg



Billy Hood



Debbie Stefand & Steve Frances



AJ & Rebekah LaDow



Ryan Healy, Meagan Davis & Alana Healy



Emilia Doerr & Meghan Henry



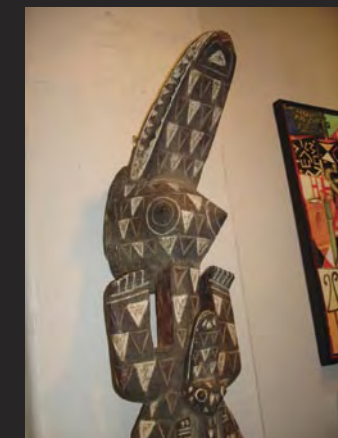
Steven Ganter & Patricia Halloran



Heather Silva & Elizabeth Lovero

## First Thursday Sprits in Stone

There are interactive exhibits and public performances for all to enjoy. It seems as if all of Santa Barbara joins together for this downtown event.



The fee is free from 5pm - 8 pm



## First Thursday CAF

To find out more about the first Thursdays call 805-962-2098. A great way to spend a warm Thursday evening downtown.





# Nights

art, music, martinis

## SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART

Santa Barbara Museum Art  
Be Sure to book the third Thursday of every month with the SB Museum of Art. SB Museum of Art celebrates with live music, activities, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. This is an evening you must put on your calendar. The rooms of the museum are so packed with interesting guests that you almost forget there is priceless art on the walls. The patio areas are filled with entertainers. Feel comfortable arriving alone because you surely will know someone once you get there. 805-963-4364



Chris Lancashire & Nigel



Michelle and Bill Piotrowski



Erin Sheridan-Coones  
& Lynda Ramirez



Ashley Agron with RP Richards and  
friends of the Nights



Amie Parrish



Kelly Rowe & June Donahue



Jonas Grethlein, Elena Gallow  
& John Lee



Sarah Liechti, Jen Smithwick,  
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