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Richard covered the Royal Family for Britain's Daily Mirror and Daily Mail before moving to New York to write for Rupert Murdoch's newly launched Star magazine in 1978; Richard later wrote for New York magazine's "Intelligencer". He continues to make regular appearances on CBS, ABC, and CNN, and moved to Montecito five years ago.

Orlando's Next Big Move



Orlando Napier (center) goes public for funding his first CD

anta Barbara musician Orlando Napier, who garnered the national spotlight in the spring when he successfully appeared on NBC's hit show The Voice, is making his next career move.

Although the 26-year-old former Santa Barbara High and City College student didn't make it to the final round, which would have included a \$100,000 check and a recording contract, Orlando has now decided to do



The Greenest Lawn on the Block

Dad took great pride in having the best looking lawn in our neighborhood. He would mow, fertilize, weed, and water until our front yard looked like a putting green. Our yard was the envy of the neighborhood. He spent evenings after dinner with his pipe and the garden hose. I still love the scent of tobacco and grass clippings.

Now Dad watches from the window as his lawn turns brown. The moss has taken over and his garden hose lies coiled and unused by the side of the house. He slowly shuffles, bent over with a cane, and cannot keep up with the chores of a 3-bedroom home, let alone, keeping up the lawn care. He needs help with the simplest of daily tasks: food prep, housework and transportation.

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Shari and Judi Zucker on the Today Show set with co-host Hoda Kotb

it his own way.

"We're finally going to cut a record," says Orlando, who has been appearing at the Biltmore on Fridays throughout the summer.

"We're sick and tired of playing numerous shows and having nothing to send our fans home with. But in order to make it happen, we're asking them for help in raising \$6,000, which covers everything including the studio and equipment rental, engineer fees, mixing, mastering and printing. That is not a lot of money for a sixtrack professional recording.

"We have called in plenty of favors to make this possible at such a low rate and haven't had to cut any corners so far. We want this record to be the best it can possibly be, transitioning the passion and energy of our live performance into the sterile environment of a professional recording studio. This is not always easy.

"The key will be in the songs. I have been especially discerning about what tunes we're going to cut. They will be one hundred percent originals performed by the band with roughly the same arrangements as our live performances.

"We want hits on the record, not just cool background music."

Adam Stehr, a longtime friend and the band's drummer, will be producing the project, with donors receiving a hard copy of the CD, a personalized YouTube performance, credits on the album cover and even a live performance at their home, depending on how much is given.

Orlando, who is doing his last performance of the season at the Biltmore on Friday, says those interested in becoming a backer should access www.kickstarter.com and type in The Orlando Napier Project...

Energy Twins on TV

After a whirlwind trip to New York to appear on NBC's *Today Show* with **Kathie Lee Gifford** and **Hoda Kotb**, Montecito's Energy Twins, **Shari** and **Judi Zucker**, are back in our rarefied enclave.

The dynamic duo were promoting their latest tome, *The Ultimate Allergy-Free Snack Cookbook*, and describe the appearance on the top-rated show as "a dream come true."

"We had a technical rehearsal the day before with the show's food stylist, and in the green room on the day of broadcast met **Rob Shuter** from the *Huffington Post*," says Judi. "He was a riot, sharing stories about **Tom Cruise** and the days he managed the Spice Girls, which really relaxed us.

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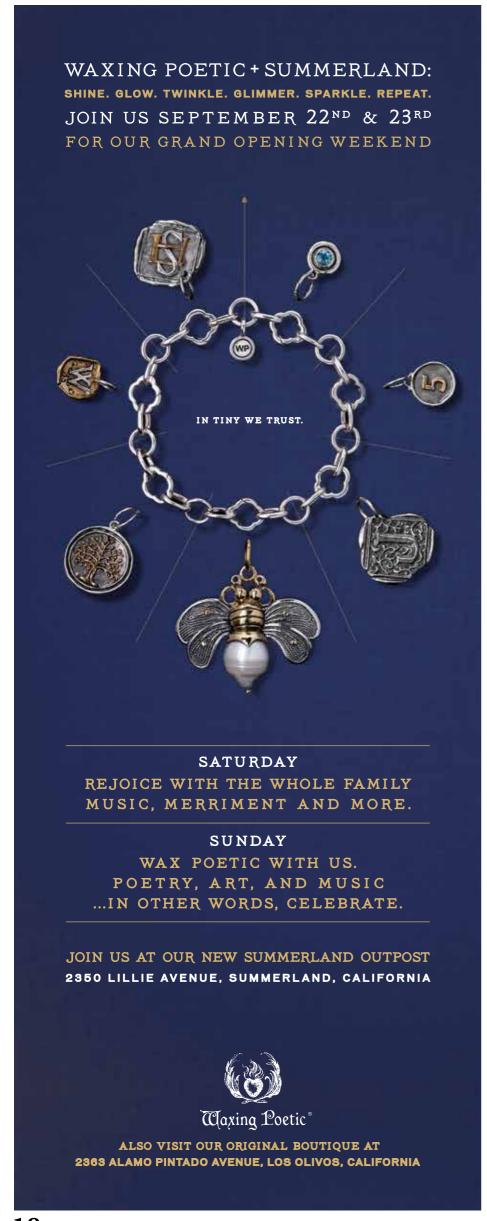






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"Then we were whisked to the show's stage where we prepared allergen-free pizza, everyone's favorite oatmeal raisin cookies and delicious carob brownies. When Kathie Lee introduced us she said our last name rhymed with 'Hooker.' I certainly wasn't ready for that one, but we rolled with it, replying 'Zucker like in cooker!'

"We discussed the top eight allergens, which are dairy, eggs, wheat, soy, fish, shell fish, peanuts and tree nuts, and even though these are omitted from our recipes, the snacks can still be tasty and one can become more creative in the kitchen."

You can catch the show on the two-some's website, www.doubleenergyt wins.com.

Kevin Branches Out

Oscar-winner **Kevin Costner** is certainly the entrepreneur.

The Carpinteria resident has just signed a major book deal with New York publishing giant Simon & Schuster's Atria Books imprint for an adventure series.

The first tome, *The Explorers Guild, Volume One: Passage to Shambhala,* is scheduled for release in 2014 and is aimed at a broad group of readers ranging from "young adult to more mature mystery and adventure enthusiasts," according to the publicity blurb.

The story is set against the back-drop of World War I, with Western Civilization spiraling into chaos, with members of the mysterious guild attempting to discover Shambhala, a golden city of Buddhist myth.

It also ties in nicely as an Indiana Jones-type film project, I might venture

Fortunately, producer-director **George Lucas** has a beach house just down the lane...

Lieff it to Them

It could have been six degrees of separation when **Iain Levine**, program director for Human Rights Watch in New York, spoke at a party thrown by **Robert** and **Gretchen Lieff** at their Montecito estate.

Among the guests was writer-producer **Victoria Riskin**, chair of HRW's Santa Barbara committee, whose mother was the late actress, Fay Wray, best known for her role as the smitten damsel in distress in the 1933 version of *King Kong*, with the final scenes shot at Manhattan's Empire State Building.

"Maybe it is no coincidence that our offices are in the very same building," joked Levine, who spent more than ten years in Sudan and Mozambique working on humanitarian programs.

The bash was particularly timely, given it was just 24 hours after the murder of the U.S. ambassador,



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Human Rights Watch Santa Barbara committee chair Victoria Riskin, speaker Iain Levine and hostess Gretchen Lieff

Christopher Stevens, in Benghazi,

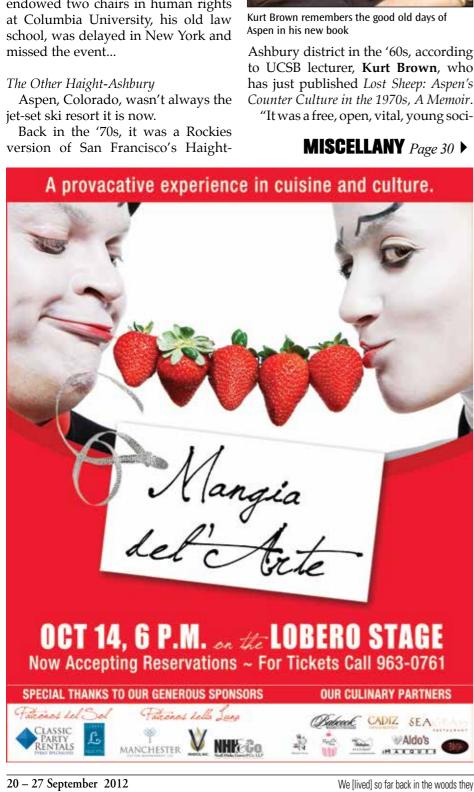
"It is an important reminder for all those who care about human rights," said Levine. "It certainly cannot be justified. These are violent acts of great mischief."

Among the guests were Bill and Sue Wagner, Bill and Christine Fletcher, Larry Feinberg and Starr Siegele, and Judi Weisbart.

Unfortunately Robert, endowed two chairs in human rights



Ashbury district in the '60s, according to UCSB lecturer, Kurt Brown, who has just published Lost Sheep: Aspen's Counter Culture in the 1970s, A Memoir.







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Billy Baldwin, host Pat Nesbitt, Tanya and Alan Thicke with organizer Bilo Zarif at the "Under the Harvest Sun" event (photo by Priscilla)

ety, very much in the San Francisco-Woodstock mould," says Kurt, 68, who lived there for 11 years from 1970. "It was a beautiful, safe place, and relatively inexpensive. It was the Golden Age, when artists, eccentrics, and outlaws took over the city and transformed it into an alpine bohemia.

"It also had a noteworthy cast of characters, famous, infamous and unknown, including Claudine Longet, Jack Nicholson, Hunter Thompson, Steve Martin and Ted Bundy."

Kurt, who also founded the Aspen Writers Conference – now in its 37th year -, spent three years writing his 306-page tome, which he promoted at a bijou bash at Tecolote, the bustling bibliophile bastion in the Upper Village.

He and his wife, **Laure-anne**, moved to our tony town from New York, where they both taught at Sarah

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Polo Party at Pat's

Hotel magnate Pat Nesbitt threw open the gates of his sprawling Summerland estate, Bella Vista, to host the Summerland Winery's eighth annual "Under The Harvest Sun" wine club party in aid of Summerland School, which has raised more than \$200,000 over the years since its launch by Turkish owner, Nebil "Bilo" Zarif.

A record 350 guests watched a round robin tournament featuring players from the Santa Barbara Polo Club, just a tiara's toss down the road, including Pat, Jason Crowder, Ben Soleimani and Jonathan Burrows, before digging into the massive barbecue and quaffing the many varieties of wine.

Silent auction prizes included stays at the Biltmore, the Montage in Laguna Beach, and the Ritz-Carlton in Marina del Rey, while the live auction, conducted by actor Billy Baldwin, offered breaks at the Beverly Wilshire and L'Ermitage in Beverly Hills, as well as the Shangri-La on the Caribbean island of St. Martin, and a winemakers dinner at the El Encanto hotel, which is opening for business in March after a \$80 million renovation.

Among those joining in the fun were Alan and Tanya Thicke, ubiquitous TV reporter John Palminteri, Arlene Montesano, Scott Wood, Barry DeVorzon, Debbie Kass, Mara Abboud, Gina Tolleson, Justin and Amanda Klentner, and Geannie Sheller.

Keeping Up With The Joneses

It's going to be one helluva a party when Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones and his wife, Gene, celebrate a perfect storm of events - their 70th birthdays and their 50th wedding anniversary.

The venue, given the hundreds of people being invited on October 11, is the \$1.1 billion Cowboys Stadium in

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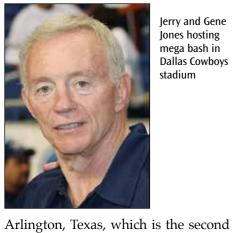
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largest in the NFL with 80,000 seats.

Jerry and Gene were here earlier this

"There is quite a contingent from

summer with their personal coach while

Montecito being invited, given all the friends the couple have here," says

the team trained down at Oxnard.

Jerry and Gene Jones hosting mega bash in **Dallas Cowbovs** stadium

> Of course, as usual, I will be reporting on the mega-soirée, from the first canapé to the last cocktail.

my mole with the martini. "The invi-

tations are going out later this week,

so they should be gently thudding

on plush doormats in our rarefied

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enclave any moment now."

Bread & Roses

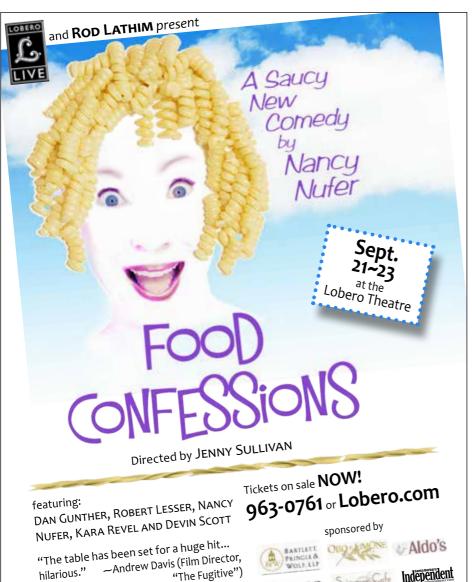
Last minute guests for the Fund for Santa Barbara's 19th annual "Bread and Roses" gala at the QAD campus in Summerland were met with giant blue "sold out" signs.

Ticket numbers have now been limited to 700, given the tremendous

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Maura Moynihan, Sara Miller McCune and Susan Jordan, with Sara's dog Duke at the 'Bread and Roses" gala at QAD (photo by Priscilla)

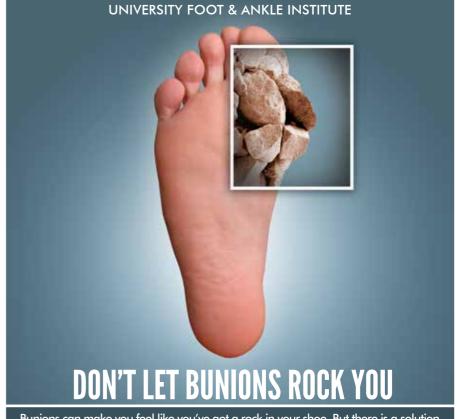


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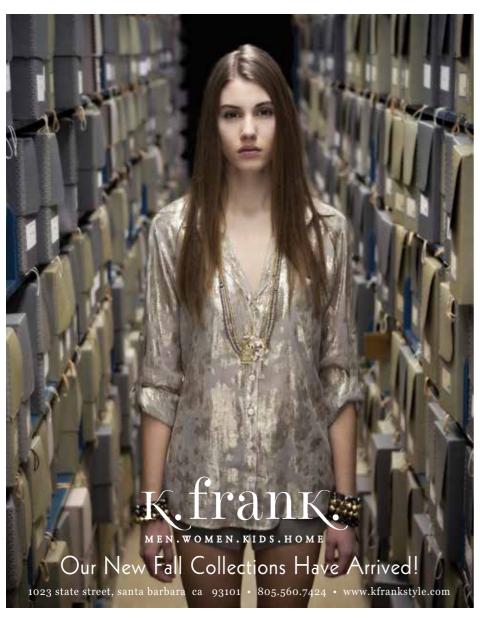


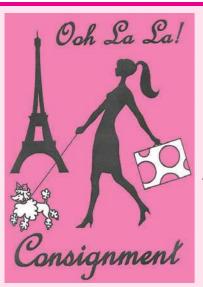
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popularity of the event, which raised around \$175,000, \$125,000 of it before the doors opened.

"It is a real cross section of the community," says executive director Geoff Green. "It couldn't be more diverse."

State Senate candidate Hannah-Beth Jackson conducted the live auction, with lots including stays in Kauai and a Montana ranch.

Since 1980, the Fund has awarded nearly \$5 million to more than 900 community organizations and proj-

Among those at the bash, co-chaired by Carol Keator and Jane Brody, were Leslie Ridley-Tree, Brian King, Sara Miller McCune, and Magellan's cofounders John and Gloria McManus...

Bacara Bash



Joanne Rapp and Patty MacFarlane, co-chairs of the Scholarship Foundation's 50th anniversary gala (photo by Priscilla)

Social gridlock reigned supreme when the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara celebrated its 50th anniversary with a "Words of Gratitude" gala at the Bacara.

Montecito philanthropist Mike Towbes, who has been involved with the organization from its inception, well remembers the first year when nine \$100 checks were handed out to grateful recipients faced with escalating educational costs.

Since then, 32,887 scholarship awards, totaling more than \$75 million, have been given to motivated

"It's a really fantastic accomplishment which has helped so many," says Mike, founder of Montecito Bank

To mark the occasion, which was co-chaired by Joanne Rapp and Patty MacFarlane – past board presidents –, one recipient of awards from each of the past five decades spoke, including Todd Crow, one of the original nine scholarship winners from half a century ago, who is now a professor of music at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Montecito event planner extraordinaire, Merryl Brown, cloaked the hotel's massive ballroom in white, with quotes from award winners projected on to the walls expressing their appreciation over the years.

Among the 450 bold faced named guests were Ron and Andrea Gallo, Roger and Sarah Chrisman, Bob and Valerie Montgomery, Peter and Gerd Jordano, Joe and Susan Cole, Eleanor Van Cott, Robert and Christine Emmons, Scott Reed, Janet Garufis, Karl Hutterer, Lynda Weinman and Bruce Heavin, Scott Brittingham, Anne and Carrie Towbes, and Joanne Holderman.

The boffo bash raised more than \$150,000...

Carousing at the Canary

The roof of the Canary Hotel was heaving when the Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center held its 13th annual Shining Star party, raising \$30,000 for the hard working non-profit.

Laurie Hanan, sexual assault nurse



Tom Parker, Hannah-Beth Jackson and Chris Parker enjoying the Shining Star party at the Canary (photo by Priscilla)

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examiner, and the Hutton Parker Foundation were the honorees at the bash, emceed by SB county supervisor **Janet Wolf**, with the auction for a stay in St. Thomas conducted by Hannah-Beth Jackson.

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"It's a much needed service which does so much good," says executive director Elsa Granados...

Sanford-Burnham Soirée

Dan and Debbie Kass opened the doors of their splendiferous Montecito aerie for a cocktail soirée for the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute.

Professor Kristiina Vuori, president of the La Jolla-based center, brought the guests up to date on the latest medical developments to fight the ravages of cancer.

sunbathing by a swimming pool at the rustic Provencal retreat of Lord Linley - Queen Elizabeth's nephew - that has added to the monarchical maelstrom.

First given an airing in the French glossy, Closer, the Irish Daily Star and the Italian magazine Chi, with 50 photos over 26 pages, no less, quickly followed suit, with Buckingham Palace now bristling about legal action, including a landmark injuction banning further publication of the photos in France.

With voracious snapperazzi armed with mega lenses that can catch a flea on a chihauhua's tail over a mile away, this sort of shot was only to be expected.

It was 20 years ago that Fergie, the gallivanting Duchess of York, made lurid headlines when she was also shot sunbathing topless with her former financial adviser, John Bryan, who, to add to the scandal, was also



Debbie Kass. Kristiina Vuori. Leslie Ridley-Tree and Brian King at a cocktail party for the Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute (photo by Priscilla)

Hollye Jacobs,

The institution, which has a \$150 million annual budget, is 70 percent funded by grants.

Guests included Tipper Gore, Leslie Ridley-Tree, Brian King, Arlene Montesano, Hollye and Jeff Jacobs, Eric and Nina Phillips, and Allan and Jane Jones...

Sunning Scandal

The British Royal Family is certainly weathering the perfect storm.

First it was Prince Harry cavorting naked at the Wynn in Las Vegas, which went global, including the front page of Rupert Murdoch's Sun, the U.K.'s biggest selling daily newspaper.

Now, alas, it is the topless photos of Prince William's willowy wife, Kate,

sucking on her toes.

By coincidence, that was also in the south of France...

Sightings: Actor Billy Baldwin getting his Java jolt at Pierre Lafond... Veep star Julia Louis-Dreyfus checking out the downtown farmers market... Alan and Tanya Thicke chowing down at Lucky's

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