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SEEN AROUND TOWN

by Lynda Millner

Green Gala



Green Gala greeters Nick Sylvio, Katie Joseff, Travis Johnson, Natalie Casey and Jimmy Ranger. The girls are heads of the CEC junior committee.

This year the Community Environmental Council's (CEC) Green Gala attacked all of your senses from the sound of rhythmic music to wildly airbrushed and costumed Green Greeters welcoming you into a stunning space filled with trees hung with moss and leaves, and walls covered in white chiffon and awash in dramatic light. The plain Santa Barbara Armory had disappeared into the décor. The dance floor was called the Rhythm Cave, a "room" created out of LED screens, which surrounded guests with images of nature, a forest, kelp beds, or a windswept mountaintop. The Cirque du Soleil artists were awesome as "live trees" on stilts walking around. As chair **Elizabeth Wagner** and honorary chair **Cyndi Richman** said, "Almost everything in the room is borrowed, repurposed or vintage including costumes, the greenery, the décor and the centerpieces."

Merryl Brown Events and the Green Gala Committee (a team that donated hundreds of hours) collaborated on all the details – even selecting the dinnerware with thought as to how much water it would take to wash them.



Ms Millner is the author of "The Magic Make Over, Tricks for Looking, Thinner, Younger, and More Confident – Instantly!" If you have an event that belongs in this column, you are invited to call Lynda at 969-6164.

The *coup de grace* was the dessert table laden with ice cream, brownies, truffles, cupcakes, chocolate chip cookies, tiny pies and much more. Kids in a candy store couldn't have been happier than the 350 guests enjoying the decadent delights. All the while LA DJ **Derek Monteiro** spun a fantastic mix of dance music.

CEO/executive director **Dave Davis** with board president **Dennis Allen** head up CEC, which has been around for over forty years as a local pioneer for a national movement. Their goal is "Fossil Free by '33" including solar programs, electric vehicle charging stations, wind and solar farms, ditching plastic, saving energy and conserving water. CEC helped make

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Cirque du Soleil live "tree" at the CEC fundraiser

recycling a common occurrence. To see what you can do, log on to www.cecsb.org.**Downfield
on the Bayou**It's always fun to go to Santa Barbara Rescue Mission's (SBRM) annual fundraiser held at Rancho Dos Pueblos estate, courtesy of owners **Henry and Dundie Schulte**. This year's theme kicked off with Downfield on the Bayou signifying letter sweaters, pom poms and footballs. To get you in the mood, the Dos Pueblos band and cheerleaders were there to great

guests as they entered. The Women's Auxiliary members who host this event were all dressed in their umpire shirts and no one was arguing with them!

The tantalizing tailgate tidbits by **Lorraine Lim** Catering were delicious – this year we had chicken and pork sliders. The Dixie Daddies played their toe tappin' "half time" music while everyone decided what to bid on in the silent auction. An All American BBQ followed.**Gerd Jordano** has been emcee for all eleven Bayous. **Penny Jenkins** introduced the honoree **Bob Bryant** for the Leni Fe Bland Award. Bob lost a son to drugs and founded the Daniel Bryant Youth and Family Treatment Center, which Penny runs. She too lost a child. Bob also serves on the Fighting Back Steering Committee. He, wife **Patty** and friends have climbed eight mountains to raise funds. A trek to Kilimanjaro raised \$500,000.Bob said he had an email from SBRM president **Rolf Geyling** advising, "Brief thank you's. This is not the Academy Awards. I've never heard anyone say they wished the speech was longer." We all laughed as Bob did what he was told.

Rolf spoke to the guests saying, "I'm proud of our record. While only twenty-one percent of those completing treatment programs nationally