



# City Administrator's Report

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## Key Meetings

- October 10, 17, 24, 31      **City Council Meetings**, 2 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall.
- October 7      **Walking Tour, Upper State Street Study**, Start times 8, 8:30, 9, and 9:30 a.m., Patio/foyer of Grace Lutheran Church, 3869 State Street. For more information, call 564-5470.
- October 14      **Workshops, Upper State Street Study**, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Hope School Multi-Purpose Room, 3970 La Colina Road.
- October 19      **Workshop, Upper State Street Study**, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Hope School Multi-Purpose Room, 3970 La Colina Road.

## Community Events

- Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29      Santa Barbara Arts and Crafts Show, 897-1982
- October 7      Heart and Sole AIDS Walk, 963-3636
- October 7      Mental Health Arts Festival, 898-0129
- October 14      Harbor Seafood Festival, 897-1962
- October 29      Fire Department Safety Fair, 564-5703

## Flags on State Street: [www.santabarbaradowntown.com](http://www.santabarbaradowntown.com)

- Oct. 2 - Oct. 9      U.C.S. B. Arts & Lectures
- Oct. 9 – Oct. 16      Community Arts Music Association (CAMA)
- Oct. 16 - Oct. 27      Fighting Back - SB Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse
- Oct. 27 – Nov. 6      Domestic Violence Solutions

## City Administrator

**October Episode of “Inside Santa Barbara.”** City TV - Channel 18 has produced its 106th episode of their award-winning show “Inside Santa Barbara.” In this month’s episode, the show covers the Upper State Street Study, the History of State Street, the Peony Pavilion, Cookin’ with Christy at the Harvest Festival, an update on the St. Vincent’s Housing Project, and the California Coastal Cleanup Day. The October episode will premiere on October 11 at 6:30 p.m. Log onto [www.citytv18.com](http://www.citytv18.com) for rebroadcast times.

## Administrative Services

**City Job Openings.** Have you ever considered working for the City? Fantastic people, interesting work, great pay and wonderful benefits! Please click on the following link to view the City's current job openings for both regular and hourly positions. <http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Government/Employment/Openings>

**New Online Financial Report Expansion.** Information Systems staff designed and implemented a new online reporting capability for City staff as part of the City's Centralized Reporting Information System (CRIS). These Payroll oriented reports allow each City employee to check their Payroll and Benefits information online. This report provides a complete history of an employee's salary, promotions, deductions, and leave balances. Supervisors and Managers can also review information for their assigned staff. Two specific advantages of this new reporting expansion include an expected reduction in printing of the bi-weekly payroll notices as well as a reduction in questions to department timekeepers regarding leave balances and salary adjustments.

**Annual Recruitment for Boards and Commissions.** The annual recruitment for Boards and Commissions will begin on October 10 through November 6. The City Council will conduct interviews on November 21, during the afternoon session, and on December 5, during their evening session. The City Council will make the appointments to fill the vacancies on December 19. The list of vacancies and applications are available at [www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov](http://www.SantaBarbaraCa.gov).

## Airport

**Mayor Blum 'Cuts the Wire' at the Airline Terminal.** The Airport's new wireless Internet service was officially announced on September 28. Mayor Blum performed a *Wire Cutting Ceremony* in the Airline Terminal courtyard. Wi-Fi was installed in response to passenger requests for the service which has nominal fees of \$3.95 for 20 minutes or \$6.95 for a 'day pass.' Travelers with computers now have the added convenience of conducting business and "staying connected" during their SBA visit.

**Summer Passenger Traffic Takes a Jump.** During the month of August 78,607 passengers arrived and departed at SBA. Typically the busiest month of the year, there was a 3.4% increase over last August. The most heavily traveled routes carried high average load factors of more than 90% - Portland (Horizon Air); Dallas/Fort Worth (American Eagle); and Denver (United Express).

**Airport Adventure 2006 was a High-Flying Success!** Approximately 2,000 people attended the free September 30 special event which attracted local families with school-age children. Emergency response operations were highlighted this year. City Airport Fire Station 8 gave demonstrations on fire suppression with trucks shooting water 75 feet across the airfield. The U.S. Coast Guard also wowed the crowd with a helicopter rescue reenactment. Signature Flight Support was the primary event sponsor providing use of Hangar 2 which held a variety of hands-on experiences for kids, including: a wind tunnel exhibit, *Little Spirit* children's airplane simulator, NASA space suit display, USFS fire fighting exhibit, *Art From Scrap* craft table, and a face-painting station. An array of vintage and modern aircraft and rescue vehicles filled the ramp where kids were able to sit in the drivers' seat and dream of operating the equipment. Dozens of agencies donated their time and resources to make the event possible. The 'Give Kids the World' Cancer Foundation will receive a portion of vendor proceeds. A summary of the day would not be complete without acknowledging the volunteer efforts of the Boy Scouts Local Troop 36, the Navy Sea Cadets, and the Civil Air Patrol Cadets who worked the ramp safety line and performed parking duties.

## Community Development Department

***Bringing Our Community Home: The Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness Throughout Santa Barbara County.*** The Leadership Council adopted the plan, “*Bringing Our Community Home*”, at their September meeting. It will now be presented for approval to the County and all the participating cities in the county. The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, along with the Mayors and City Councils of five cities in the county, unanimously supported the drafting of the Plan. As a result, stakeholders from all sectors of the community came together, meeting over the course of several months, to create a plan to coordinate services to prevent homelessness and to house chronically homeless individuals and families throughout Santa Barbara County.

The chronic homeless makes up only 10-15% of the homeless population, yet studies have shown that they consume more than 50% of all services provided to the homeless. They are also frequent users of other costly public services, such as emergency rooms, jails and psychiatric wards. Managing chronic homelessness issues has proven to be more costly, both in terms of human loss and economic loss, than the costs to truly solve the problem. While the creation and adoption of the plan was a milestone, it is only the first step. Implementation of the strategies outlined in the plan will require the coordination and collaboration of all parties involved, including businesses, philanthropy, services, housing providers and government jurisdictions.

***Planning Commission Update.*** The Planning Commission will meet on October 12th and 19th. Some of the more important items are outlined below.

On October 12, the Planning Commission will consider a proposed expansion of Bright Start Child Care on the 1600 block of Anacapa Street. In addition, the Commission will consider Zoning Ordinance Amendments related to boarding houses and to alley setbacks.

## Finance Department

***August Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) up 5.8%.*** Revenues for the month of August were up 5.8% from the prior August, and our fiscal year-to-date growth is 6.1%. Please note that July has increased slightly (from 5.8% to 6.3%) to account for additional revenues received later in the month due to a TOT audit.

Month	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year	FY 2006	Change from Prior Year	FY 2007	Change from Prior Year
July	\$ 1,198,952	1.3%	\$ 1,301,652	8.6%	\$ 1,477,789	13.5%	\$ 1,571,320	6.3%
Aug	1,349,990	1.6%	1,357,717	0.6%	1,504,589	10.8%	1,592,011	5.8%
Sept	887,095	4.5%	931,244	5.0%	1,109,428	19.1%		
Oct	863,919	4.1%	914,718	5.9%	963,261	5.3%		
Nov	696,742	1.7%	721,982	3.6%	809,684	12.1%		
Dec	553,094	4.4%	575,075	4.0%	671,965	16.8%		
Jan	584,653	0.2%	606,484	3.7%	661,507	9.1%		
Feb	703,493	14.1%	699,349	-0.6%	738,532	5.6%		
Mar	782,652	11.0%	872,554	11.5%	855,597	-1.9%		
April	875,760	10.4%	941,281	7.5%	1,000,696	6.3%		
May	895,378	9.6%	1,001,450	11.8%	1,015,349	1.4%		
June	973,955	3.3%	1,157,985	18.9%	1,223,974	5.7%		YTD
<b>FY Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,365,683</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>\$ 11,081,490</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>\$ 12,032,372</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>\$ 3,163,331</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 10,273,900</b>		<b>\$ 10,684,900</b>		<b>\$ 11,504,200</b>		<b>\$ 12,630,600</b>	

Includes only the 10% unrestricted TOT revenues. Beginning in January 2001, an additional 2% is credited to Creeks/Clean Water (Measure B).

**Sales Tax Up 4.9%.** For the quarter ending June 30, 2006, we were up 4.9% from the same quarter of the prior year. Because of the way the State advances payments, the cash receipts cross fiscal years; therefore, the table below reflects revenues on an economic basis for fiscal year 2006, not on an accounting basis.

City of Santa Barbara SALES TAX							
Quarter Ended	Change from Prior Year	FY 2004	Change from Prior Year	FY 2005	Change from Prior Year	FY 2006	Change from Prior Year
Sept 30	3.4%	4,536,571	-0.4%	4,512,083	-0.5%	5,164,138	14.5%
Dec 31	-2.1%	4,765,855	4.8%	4,946,706	3.8%	5,034,371	1.8%
Mar 31	2.6%	4,289,056	6.8%	4,367,907	1.8%	4,367,052	0.0%
June 30	0.5%	4,621,598	5.7%	4,793,216	3.7%	5,027,168	4.9%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>\$ 18,213,080</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>\$ 18,619,912</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>\$ 19,592,729</b>	<b>5.2%</b>

## Fire Department

**Day Fire.** As of this writing, the “Day Fire” has burned in excess of 167,700 acres in the Los Padres National Forest since it started on Labor Day, September 4. There were three separate fire service camps, one east at Castaic Lake, one west at Ventura County Fairgrounds and one at the Forest Service Ozena Fire Station on Highway 33 to deal with the logistical needs of the fire. Each camp was staffed with a Type 1 Emergency management team and an Area Command team that coordinated the strategies of the overall incident. There were approximately 4,700 firefighters assigned to the fire. This incident was given the highest national priority for resources. City Fire committed 22 Firefighters to the fire, staffing 3 fire engines and a variety of management positions. The assignments lasted 17 days. All of our City fire stations were fully staffed during the fire. As of October 2, the fire has been contained. Small hotspots within the containment lines will remain burning for some time to come. All Santa Barbara Fire agencies have returned to normal operations.

**Day of Caring.** The 15th Annual Day of Caring was a great success! Around 70 City employees, family members, and friends participated this year, making the City of Santa Barbara one of the largest agencies involved! The organizations we helped - Art from Scrap, the Botanical Gardens, the Zoo, and our own Parks and Recreation Department at Harding School - greatly benefited from our valuable effort.

**Grant Award.** Santa Barbara City Fire, along with other fire service partners, has been awarded \$28,200 from the First 5 Children and Families Commission to promote child car seat safety in the County. These funds will allow us to have an even more aggressive approach towards improving child passenger safety in our community. The funds will primarily be used for training more certified car seat installers within several fire agencies; conducting more public out-reach about the importance of a properly sized and installed child car seat; and increase our ability to conduct installation clinics for parents throughout the area.

## Library Department

**Book & Author Festival.** The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Book & Author Festival, co-sponsored by the Library took place on Saturday, September 30 at the Central Library and drew substantial crowds. The Library kicked-off its "Santa Barbara Reads" program with a panel of contributing authors to this year's selection, My California: Journeys by Great Writers. The first panel of the morning, "Media Matters," moderated by Jerry Roberts drew a standing room only crowd.

**Grant Award.** The Santa Barbara Public Library System has been awarded a grant from the California State Library under the Early Learning with Families grant program. The exact amount of the award (as much as \$5000) will be based on the implementation plan submitted by the library. The funds will be used by the Library's Children's Services and Adult Literacy program to promote parent and caregiver education to foster early literacy skills among the community's children.

## Parks and Recreation Department

**City Charitable Giving Campaign to Use Online Pledge Form.** Nancy Rapp, Chair of this year's Charitable Giving Campaign, announced that the theme for this year's campaign is "Giving for Living." New this year, City employees will find it easier than ever to contribute thanks to the ease of a new, online pledge form. The website—[www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/uw](http://www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/uw)— will be available beginning Monday, October 16. Employees will be able to pledge online from the convenience of work or home. Hard copies of the pledge form will continue to be distributed to employees by the Charitable Giving Campaign's department representatives to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate. This year's campaign runs from Monday, October 16 - Friday, November 17.

**Cesar Chavez Elementary School to Honor Lights On Afterschool Program.** The Parks and Recreation Department and the Santa Barbara School District will be hosting a carnival at Cesar Chavez Elementary School, 1102 E. Yanonali St., on Thursday, October 12 from 3-5 p.m. to promote the importance of afterschool programs for America's children and families. "Lights On Afterschool" is a project of the Afterschool Alliance, a national nonprofit

organization dedicated to ensuring that all children have access to quality, affordable afterschool programs. The Carnival will offer a variety of games, arts and crafts activities, face painting, paddle tennis, music, and food. In addition to Parks and Recreation Youth Activities, other agencies that provide afterschool programs like PAL and Arts Alive! will also be at the event. Those wishing to volunteer can contact Terry Brown, Youth Activities Coordinator, at 560-7552. For more information on the Afterschool Alliance, link to [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org).

**Workday Scheduled for Franceschi Park.** All interested adults, teens, and children are invited to help trim plants, clear paths, and perform general park clean up at Franceschi Park, 1501 Franceschi Road on Saturday, October 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. The clean-up will focus on an area of the park where a new planting demonstration bed will be installed later this year. Participants are asked to bring small tools and gloves. Wearing long-sleeved shirts is suggested to protect from being scratched by the brush. Please walk or carpool as parking is limited. A van shuttle to and from the park will run between 8:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. For more information, please call Terri Yamada at 564-5484

**Oak Park to Receive New Bridge this month.** The pedestrian bridge over Mission Creek at Oak Park is being replaced with a wider and longer bridge that will be ADA-compliant. The previous bridge was too narrow to accommodate all of the pedestrian traffic during the summer when there is peak demand due to Oak Park festivals. The project is scheduled to be completed by November 1. For more information, contact Keven Strasburg, Park Project Technician, at 897-1906.

**Oak Park Neighborhood Meeting Addresses Concerns.** A Neighborhood Improvement Task Force meeting held at the Mackenzie Adult Building on September 21 addressed neighborhood concerns. Fourteen people from the Oak Park neighborhood attended along with staff from Parks and Recreation, Public Works, and Police Departments. Concerns expressed included alcohol, drugs, sound, transient issues, vandalism and crime along with parking and traffic problems. The neighbors would like the city to allow alcohol by permit only, change park closing hours to a half hour past sunset, install more security lights, and increase additional police patrols throughout the neighborhood. City staff will meet to discuss these recommendations and to develop short and long term solutions.

**Carrillo Recreation Center Open House Week Attended by 324 Participants.** The free beginning classes week, held from September 11-15, at the center brought in over 100 new students to try out classes from Argentine Tango to Yoga. The Open House offered a menu of 24 beginning sessions for adults and children. Of the 324 attending, 207 returned surveys which indicated 91 were planning on signing up for the class and 84 indicated "maybe." New and returning clients will be tracked and overall participation results determined at the end of the 6-week class sessions.

**Suicide Prevention Forum Co-Hosted by Youth Council.** The Santa Barbara Youth Council teamed with the Glendon Association on September 27 at San Marcos High School to present a forum on suicide issues and prevention. The forum was attended by more than 600 people, including 200 teens. The forum included a panel of speakers who spoke on the effects of suicide, signs to look for in suicidal individuals and how to help someone that is suicidal.

**Help Out with Halloween Haunted House.** Teen Programs and the Youth Council are accepting volunteers and donations for the creation of their annual Haunted House to be held

Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28, at the Carrillo Gym from 7 to 10 p.m. Planning meetings are held each Tuesday and Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Carrillo Recreation Center. Community Service hours are offered to teens who participate. Donations of old clothes, costumes, mirrors, mannequins and other materials are needed. Please contact Kenyon Williams in Teen Programs at 897-2650 if you can help with either time or materials.

**San Roque Stewardship Project.** The Creeks Division is hosting a community stewardship project along San Roque Creek at Stevens Park, in partnership with the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, and with grant support from Santa Barbara Beautiful. The goal of the project is to build stewardship through community restoration and to educate residents about the water quality benefits of using native plants in backyards and gardens. The project kick-off is Saturday October 7 and will focus on creekside planting and why natives are good for creeks. On October 21, Carol Bornstein of the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden will give tips on designing your own garden. On November 4, volunteers will plant native plants and learn about maintaining natives throughout the year including pruning, irrigating, and strategies for integrated pest management. For details, call 897-2606 or visit [www.sbcreeks.com](http://www.sbcreeks.com)

**Creek Week 2006.** Scheduled for October 7-15, Creek Week is an annual series of events to inform the community about local creeks and watersheds and the many ways to enjoy, restore and protect them. Creek Week is jointly hosted by the City's Creeks Division and County Project Clean Water. The public will be invited to participate in water quality monitoring activities, a guided hike at Arroyo Hondo Preserve, an oceanfront bird walk, cleanups at Mission Lagoon, Carpinteria Creek and San Jose Creek, and an evening film screening of "Our Synthetic Sea" at the Watershed Resource Center.

**Community Water Quality Forum "What's in the Water?"** As part of creek week, this public forum will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 6 p.m. at the Chase Palm Park Center, 236 E. Cabrillo Blvd. The forum focuses on "Beach Warnings, Bacteria, and Human Health." Dr. Patricia Holden from UCSB will discuss recent efforts to trace bacteria to the source using DNA tracking. Speakers from the City's Creeks Division and the County of Santa Barbara will share recent water quality findings and discuss regional water quality issues, beach warnings, and what they mean. For a complete list of Creek Week events, call 897-2606 or visit [www.sbcreeks.com](http://www.sbcreeks.com).

## Police Department

**12-Year-Old Bicyclist Killed Riding to School.** On September 6, Jake Boysel, a 12 year old 7<sup>th</sup> grader at La Colina Jr. High, was riding his bicycle to school in the 4200 block of Calle Real. Jake was struck from behind by a man driving a Ford Expedition. The driver stated that the early morning sun was in his eyes and he could not see the bicyclist. Jake received critical injuries and died the next day at Cottage Hospital. The accident is being investigated by the District Attorney for review for possible charges. The accident resulted in an outpouring of support for the victim's family, and heightened interest about bicycle safety, especially for children riding to school. Sergeant Jim Pflieger of the Traffic Division addressed traffic safety concerns at a Safe Schools community meeting.

**Dangerous Parolee Arrested.** On September 12, a veteran officer was investigating a citizen complaint of an illegal camper on Romaine Drive. The officer approached to find the

suspect holding a knife. The suspect disregarded commands to drop the knife and step away. Unknown to the officer, the suspect, David Bogard, was a wanted parolee with no intention of returning to prison. The suspect was known to frequent the neighborhoods surrounding Cottage Hospital. The suspect's identity was confirmed and police released a 'be-on-the-lookout' for this dangerous man. His face and name appeared on local news. The next day, the Police Department received tips from people who had seen Bogard and were familiar with his haunts. Based on the tips, undercover officers staked out Oak Park. Sure enough, the suspect was seen rustling in bushes near the main BBQ area. A coordinated approach by several officers, including a Police canine resulted in the arrest of Bogard without incident.

**Homicide Investigation.** On September 16, a 60-year-old Santa Barbara man was shot to death on West Islay Street. The victim was shot as he sat in his vehicle parked at 419 W. Islay Street. The victim's wife had just returned to the car after dropping her granddaughter off at her daughter's residence. The suspect is believed to be a friend of a neighbor living in the apartment complex at 427 W. Islay Street. The full facts and circumstances remain under investigation, but there was a brief conversation between the victim and the gunman prior to the fatal shot being fired. The lone bullet from a small caliber handgun struck the victim in the throat. Fatally wounded, the victim drove two blocks away before collapsing behind the wheel. One man has been arrested and charged with murder. The suspected gunman remains at large.

## Public Works Department

**Westside Story.** Construction of the West Side Storm Water Control Project Phase II has reached its half way point. This is the final phase of a larger project that aims to reduce surface drainage from West Side neighborhood streets, thereby reducing flooding, and discharge the storm water directly into Old Mission Creek at Victoria and San Andres Streets. This portion of the project extends the storm drain up Chino from Micheltorena to Mission Streets, Mission to Gillespie, and Gillespie to Portesuello Streets. The biggest challenge with the project has been the shallow ground water. In August, a specialty subcontractor was hired to drill a series of shallow wells along Chino Street to drop the groundwater table from approximately eight feet to fifteen feet below the surface. Although this project is a \$4.5 million County Flood Control Project, the City is paying for 25% of the project and will be responsible for the ownership and maintenance of all the inlet structures that feed the storm drain.

**You Light Up My Life.** The Public Works Department has begun construction to place new street lights and traffic signal lights at the intersection of Santa Barbara and Ortega Streets. These new lights will help guide traffic down Santa Barbara Street in coordination with the existing signals. All four corners of the intersection will receive new access ramps, and repairs to the damaged sidewalk next to the large street trees in the area will take place. This work is expected to be completed by the end of October 2006, and will provide an extra level of safety to the school children of the nearby Santa Barbara Community Academy.

**Signed, Sealed and Delivered.** Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc. is currently in the middle of the latest project to slurry seal our City streets. The work this summer included most of the streets between Mission Street south to the freeway and Milpas Street west to the freeway. The majority of the work was completed during August, and after a short break, the remaining

downtown streets between Anacapa and Chapala Streets will be sealed during the first week of October. There will be three coats of paint on all of the new striping.

**Rest Assured.** Construction of the new public restrooms at 914 State Street has been completed and the ribbon cutting ceremony was held on October 4 to celebrate the opening. The three hundred square foot building is in the paseo between Border's Book Store and Parking Lot No. 9. The new restrooms have an architectural style that complements the historic architecture of the El Pueblo Viejo District. Special "green" features of the restrooms include energy saving skylights, floor tiles made from recycled material, and a waterless urinal. Funding for the restrooms was provided by the City's Redevelopment Agency, construction management was provided by the Public Works Department Engineering Division, and the restrooms were constructed by W. T. Thomson, Inc.

**Looking Good Santa Barbara Receives Jacaranda Award.** On September 24: *Looking Good Santa Barbara* was honored with the Santa Barbara Beautiful Jacaranda Award for Community Service. As part of Santa Barbara Beautiful's 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Presentation, *Looking Good Santa Barbara* was selected for its dedicated service to the preservation of the beauty of Santa Barbara neighborhoods and public open spaces. *Looking Good Santa Barbara* is a City of Santa Barbara Environmental Services program joining city staff with community leaders and citizens to reduce visual blight, such as graffiti and litter, and to promote recycling practices through special projects.

## Waterfront Department

**"EarthRace" Raises Awareness for Renewable Fuels.** On September 5, the vessel "EarthRace" visited Santa Barbara Harbor. People rushed dockside with cameras to capture the futuristic-looking powerboat which runs on biodiesel. The "green-powered" vessel showcases environmentally friendly technologies such as low-emission engines, non-toxic antifouling and efficient hull design. Powered only by renewable fuels, "EarthRace" plans to beat the existing 75-day UIM powerboat record for circling the globe set in 1998 by British boat Cable & Wireless. For more information on the "EarthRace" Project visit, [www.earthrace.net](http://www.earthrace.net)

**Harbor Patrol and Firefighters Search Burning Vessel.** On September 6, Harbor Patrol responded to a report of a burning vessel in the anchorage. At about 2:30 p.m. Wharf Security, Tracy Ireland, spotted the cabin flame aboard the 25-foot sailboat belonging to Mr. Catlin, and immediately notified Harbor Patrol. Patrol Officer, Jan Martinez, responded in Patrol Boat #3, while Harbor Patrol Sergeant, Ed Stetson, transported three firefighters aboard Patrol Boat #2. Not a soul was found onboard the engulfed vessel. Martinez knocked down the fire before the firefighters smothered the flames with foam. The sailboat was a total loss, but fortunately the boat owner was found later in a nearby vessel. In an interview, Catlin said he was awakened by smoke, jumped into his dinghy and rowed to the safety of a nearby vessel.

**Harbor Patrol Dressed to Serve.** On September 8 at the second annual "Gowns and Crowns" event fundraiser hosted by "Momentum 4 Life," nearly 60 tuxedo-clad service men, including Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol, Santa Barbara Fire Department and United States Coast Guard pampered nearly 400 women in an evening of "Divas at the Doubletree" to benefit the Cancer Center of Santa Barbara's Wellness Center. With the support of volunteers like Harbor Patrol Officers Jan Martinez and Erik Engebretson, the event grossed about \$59,000. On any

given month, over 150 cancer survivors take part in the 60+ Wellness Programs offered to anyone dealing with cancer, whether or not they were treated at the Cancer Center.

***Channel Islands Beach Cleanup.*** Scheduled for Sunday October 22, the first annual Channel Islands Beach Cleanup will target a cleanup effort on Santa Cruz Island. The pilot program was initiated by local boating enthusiast Dr. Jack Dawson, based on his concern about the amount of trash washing ashore on the islands. Various agencies and organizations support the effort, including the Nature Conservancy, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, California Department of Fish and Game, and local businesses, Paddle Sports and Marborg Industries. Channel Islands Beach Cleanup is seeking volunteers with suitable boats and skiffs for access to the island. Contact Jacklyn Kelly, Hospitality Manager for the Nature Conservancy's Santa Cruz Island Project, at (805) 801-5770 for further information.

***5th Annual Harbor and Seafood Festival.*** On Saturday, October 14th, the Santa Barbara Harbor will showcase its wares, starting with the legendary albacore barbeque, plus lobster and crab boilers, and an all-day Fishermen's Market, where the public can buy seafood straight from the boats and have it cooked on the spot. There will also be live bands, seafood cooking demonstrations, a marine touch tank, free boat rides, tours of research boats, tours of Coast Guard boats, and guided tours of the Maritime Museum. There will be raffles, arts and crafts, kids' activities, and maritime movies. The event is a benefit for the Page Youth Center. The free-admission festival runs from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Santa Barbara Harbor.

***Harbor Patrol Officer Bob Brandenburg Retires.*** After 24 years of dedicated service, Harbor Patrol Officer Bob Brandenburg retired on September 15. On Friday, August 25, over 100 colleagues, friends and harbor "locals" gave Bob a memorable send-off during a barbeque at Leadbetter Beach Park. Bob will be fondly remembered for many things, especially his dedication, dependability, cool head and calm, easy-going demeanor when dealing with challenges large and small. Bob, and his wife Janet, will retire to Eugene, Oregon, where he will be close to his extended family. Staff wishes to thank Bob for his tireless years of service and wishes him many wonderful years in retirement.