

## Walk-Bike-Bus-Rail

COAST provides advocacy, education and outreach to improve transportation options in Santa Barbara County, promoting rail, bus, bike, and pedestrian access.

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### COAST Happy Hour

Please join us the second Thursday of each month from 5-7 PM at the El Paseo Restaurant in Santa Barbara.

### COAST General Meeting

Our General Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month from 12-1:15 PM at 15 E. Carrillo Street.

### Support COAST

COAST depends on you to create better transportation options in Santa Barbara and beyond. Support COAST by making a donation. Just use the enclosed envelope, or you can go to the COAST website. Thank you!

## Walking Wednesdays are back

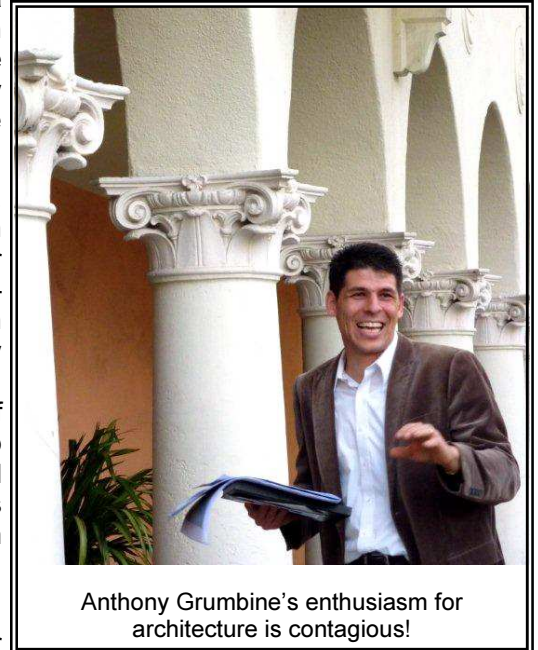
By Caitlin Carlson

COAST kicked off its summer Walking Wednesdays series in March, featuring a different theme and speaker the fourth Wednesday of every month. These walks are a great opportunity to enjoy some fresh air and good company while learning about your community.

We've had an exciting program so far. Architect Anthony Grumbine of Harrison Design led March's walk. He guided our group of twenty walkers to different architectural treasures around downtown Santa Barbara, including the Trinity Episcopal Church, Arlington Theater, Our Lady of Sorrows, and some of downtown's historical houses. The group learned about the different architectural styles that make up Santa Barbara's unique landscape, everything from Spanish colonial to gothic revival.

World-famous architect Jeff Shelton led April's walk. He showed a group of over fifty people his whimsical work around town, including the Cota Studios, El Andaluz, and the Ablitt's House.

May's walk will be a change of pace. Bob Muller, of the Santa Barbara Botanical Gardens, will teach us about Santa Bar-



Anthony Grumbine's enthusiasm for architecture is contagious!

bara's famous and beautiful trees. Starting with the largest fig tree in the country, the Moreton Bay Fig Tree, we're hoping to learn about the diverse range of plant life in Santa Barbara. Please visit our website for details and come join us.

## Arelhy Arroyo Joins COAST Board

Arelhy is originally from Veracruz, Mexico. She studied Architecture at the University of Veracruz and attended graduate school at the University of Colorado at Denver, graduating with a Dual Masters degree in Architecture and Urban Design. Her experience includes residential, commercial, master planning and transportation projects. She has worked on aviation projects in Boston International Airport and LAX Tom Bradley International Terminal expansion. Arelhy is interested in urbanism and transportation projects. She usually attends meetings of LOSSAN and other rail agencies state-wide. Arelhy is a registered architect in Mexico and is in the process of obtaining her architectural license in the United States. Welcome, Arelhy!



## National Train Day and Commuter Rail Update

By Roger Horton and Dennis Story

Many Ventura area commuters who work in the Santa Barbara area dream of the day when they can leave their cars behind and ride the peak hour rail service seeded with \$25M from the **Measure A '08** transportation tax measure.

Gene Skoropowski, former Head of the **Capitol Corridor** between Sacramento & San Jose is now a consultant on the North Los Angeles rail corridor. He has put commuter rail between Ventura & Santa Barbara on the fast track, and has proposed having Metrolink provide the service, which would begin in Montalvo. Stand by for more news on this exciting new development.

National Train Day at the Santa Barbara train station on May 7<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. The event included a train ride to Carpinteria and back and a press conference with local leaders, where the future of passenger rail service was discussed....and the future looks bright! Magician Mark Collier entertained attendees, and food was supplied by Omni-Fresco Catering.



Train Day: An attentive young audience listens to a speech



## More Spring Events...

At Montecito Union School's second annual Earth Day Celebration, COAST had a table and displayed a map by our own Greg Janee. The kids loved to find their homes on the map. Our favorite quote: "I don't know what street I live on, but it's the house with the cow mailbox." 183 children walked to school that day to make the earth a better place. If only every day could be Earth Day!

## Santa Barbara wins Gold Medal

By Eva Inbar

Santa Barbara was awarded a gold medal for its walk friendly policies by [Walk Friendly Communities](#), a national organization. The designation was based on the City's outstanding effort the City to make it an inviting place to walk.

Here are some highlights of this effort: The city has a wonderful walkable central business district that features pedestrian paseos. It has developed progressive planning and policy documents such as the Circulation Element and the Pedestrian Master Plan, takes regular pedestrian counts, has a model Safe Routes to School program participates in the Santa Barbara Car Free partnership that helps tourists arrive and get around in Santa Barbara without a car, and most recently, it has

been implementing a program to install curb extensions, also known as bulb-outs, to make street crossings safer.

It is important to note that the award effort the city made, not any existing conditions. In the nineteen sixties, in reaction to the first suburban mall at La Cumbre Plaza, it decided to convert State Street into the vibrant place it is today and the parking lanes behind the buildings into pedestrian paseos. This came at a time when many other American cities were busy blasting freeways through their old downtowns to open them up to the automobile. It took a great deal of political courage to do this, something I am not sure we could muster today.

From the downtown, the effort has

spread into the neighborhoods. The Safe Routes to School program has brought millions of grant dollars to benefit schools around town, the most recent being the Jake Boysel bike path on Calle Real. Curb extensions were installed in the West Downtown, the Saint Francis neighborhood and the Oak Park neighborhood.

So, are we now all perfect? Of course not. Wherever people and cars share the same public space, it takes constant effort to encourage the more vulnerable users and keep them safe. And this takes as much political courage today as it did back in the sixties. Next time the City wants to install curb extensions in your neighborhood, please remember that it needs your support.

# Remembering Jake Boysel

By Alex Pujo

On Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Santa Barbara City officials cut the ribbon for the Jake Boysel Multipurpose Pathway, a landscaped trail bypassing the intersection of Calle Real and Highway 154. A very large crowd, including the Boysel family, Council and representatives from the School District, District Attorney's Office, St. Vincent's, SBCAG, Goleta, COAST and the Bicycle Coalition attended the ceremony.



On this very same intersection, on a lovely sunny morning on September 6, 2006 12-year old Jake Boysel rode his bicycle to La Colina Junior High. He never arrived. He was in the bike lane up Calle Real when hit from behind by Ernesto Botello, a City employee on his way to work. He was thrown off his bike, hit the ground and never regained consciousness. His shoes and helmet were torn off, his mountain bike broken in two, his backpack embedded in the radiator grille of the SUV that killed him. Jake was in plain sight with a red helmet on a straight road. The sun was bright and there was moisture on windshields; other than that, there was no explanation.

The enormous significance of the tragedy shook a community struggling to regain a sense of justice. After a hung jury failed to deliver a verdict on manslaughter the District Attor-

ney dropped charges. Had the driver been intoxicated, killing someone in traffic would have been considered a heinous crime; doing it sober was "an accident."

With deep sadness but an overwhelming sense of pride, Santa Barbara came together to celebrate its fallen hero. We thank the volunteers and public works employees that made this possible. To the beautiful family that Jake had, to those who endure what most of us cannot imagine, our sincerest hopes that this path will forever become a place to find peace and a token of solace.

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## Bike to School Day 2011

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It rained on Bike to School Day! Of the 20 schools who signed up to participate, some held the event anyway. 347 students at Peabody School braved the weather and rode their bikes anyway. Yay for Peabody! Kellogg School in Goleta held the event one day later and had 260 out of 343 students on bikes. That's 70%! Deputy Greg Sorenson led a bike train. The school published the route on a map created by our own Greg Janee.

Bike to School Day is part of CycleMAYnia, Santa Barbara's month long celebration of bicycling. COAST also helped organize a "Pirates" family bike ride to Goleta Beach.

## Cold Spring School Trail Celebration



On Friday, April 22, a group of people assembled on Highway 192 in front of Cold Spring School in Montecito: Supervisor Carbajal, Superintendent Brian McCabe, Safe Routes to School champion Tracey Singh and her mother, Alice Willfong, the Montecito Fire Chief, reps from Lotusland, Santa Barbara Beautiful, and many more. Cold Spring School was celebrating its newly completed trail and landscaping project along the frontage of the school on Sycamore Canyon Road. Made possible by a grant from Santa Barbara Beautiful and built by volunteers, the trail provides a safe place to walk for Cold Spring students and people of all ages.

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## COAST's Solstice Party is June 25

Please join us for our popular solstice party at Business First Bank,  
corner of Figueroa and State Street,

Saturday, June 25 from 11:30 am to 2 pm.

Enjoy lunch, drinks and reserved curbside seating. Watch your e-mail for your personal invitation or visit our website for details.

## Earth Day 2011



We were extremely busy both days of the Earth Day Festival April 16 and 17, 2011. Our low-cost bicycle helmets and our pedestrian map were very popular. We thank our staff and volunteers who helped at our booth: Kim Stanley, Bob Zimels, Caitlin Carlson, Alex Pujo (pictured here from left). Not pictured: Arelhy Arroyo, Greg Janee, Mickey Flacks, Lee Moldaver, Mark Bradley, Eva Inbar, Debbie Castanha, Eric Kirsch.

## We thank our Individual Supporters

We thank these people who joined COAST or renewed their support during the past three months: Dick&Joyce Axilrod, Dan Herron, Bob&Kathy Rowley, Steve Maas, Deborah Winant, Keith Coffman-Grey, Linda Krop, Greg Mohr & Wendy Wittl, Ken Hough, Frank Schmidt, Betty Wells, Robert Adams, Steve Foley & Margaret McMillan, Naomi Schwartz, David&Gail Teton-Landis, Adrienne Davis, Brian Fahnestock, Harvey&Janet Wolf, Dennis Thompson.

## We thank our Major Supporters

We thank the **McCune Foundation**, the **Social Justice Fund of Ventura**, the **Santa Barbara Foundation**, and the **Orfaea Foundation** for supporting our major projects. The **Fund for Santa Barbara** just awarded a generous grant to our Eastside Walks project. **Thank you, FSB!** Further thanks go to our business sponsors, **Deckers Outdoor Corp.** and **Allen Associates**, as well as **Blenders in the Grass**.