



Keeping Touch

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FROM THE DESK OF **BILL CIRONE...**

Caring and Sharing even more

We all know that there is nothing more critical in a democracy than having all citizens take part, in ways both large and small, just for “the good of the order.”

Thanks to the foresight and generosity of the Orfalea Fund and the Santa Barbara Foundation, all third grade teachers in the county will now have resources to supplement their units on communities by engaging their students in projects that make their community a better place. How important, and how wonderful.

The idea of the Care & Share II Program is to nurture among our young people the impulse to do good work and help others, then channel those impulses into a worthy classroom project. Enabling young people to help design and execute a project that helps the community—whether the larger community, the school, or even the classroom—helps them experience the “glow” that comes from giving to others and improving a community.

Doing good feels good, and this project provides an early opportunity for young people to learn that very important lesson. The logistics are very simple. All third grade teachers in the county are eligible to receive \$250 for projects in their classroom involving students with philanthropy.

The Orfalea Fund, in partnership with the Santa Barbara Foundation, has funded this opportunity for three years, so that every third grader will have the chance to experience the joy of caring and sharing.

Teachers need to fill out a “Request for Funds” application. Funds will be available approximately two weeks after the request is received, and may be used on materials, transportation, research, and related items that enable the completion of the philanthropic project. It’s a great program and we are honored to be a central part of it because of the important values it represents.

Children’s Book Week

Nov. 12 to 18 is the Children’s Book Council’s “Children’s Book Week”—a great time to come see the wealth of books in SBCEO’s K-8 and preview libraries and find just the right one to take home to read with your family.



—Fred Borchers/IMS

The great book exchange

No matter what else you love to do, reading is a great pastime. Take a hiking guidebook out on a walk or curl up with a good mystery novel. And what could make reading better than the wonderful SBCEO book exchange?

Here is how it works: In the break room at the main office on Cathedral Oaks, there are several shelves just brimming with books. Take a look, and if you see something you like, you can read it during lunch or take it home. When you finish, bring it back. Or not. And bring in old books that are collecting dust on the shelves at home. The beauty of the SBCEO book exchange is that there is really only one rule: Take some time for yourself and have a good read.

—Tom Heiduk/HR

Quote of the month...

Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it.

—Marian Wright Edelman

Help desk

by Karen Ranum/Information Technology Services

Email Templates

Q: I often send the same email response; how do I set up a template in Entourage or Outlook?

A: **Entourage** does not have a template option. A work-around is to create a new signature file for every template.

1. Click on the Tools menu and select Signatures.
2. Click on the New button and then enter a name for the signature.
3. Delete the - - dashes at the top of the new signature window and insert your text.
4. Click on the File menu and select Save.
5. To place the new signature, place the cursor where you want the template inserted and then click on the Signatures button.

To create a template in **Outlook 2003**:

1. Click on the Tools menu and select Options.
2. Click on the Mail Format tab and un-select: Use Microsoft Word 2003 to edit email messages.
3. Create a new mail message and insert your template text.
4. Click on the File menu and select Save As.
5. Enter the file name of the template.
6. Click on the arrow under Save as type and select Outlook Template.
7. To place the template into a new mail message:
 - a. Click File menu and select New – Choose Form.
 - b. In the Look In field, select User Templates in File System.
 - c. Select your template and then click on the Open button.

Free download of the month

Macintosh

iCal Automator provides actions to move events, add to-do alarms, and find past events. <http://www.yellow-camp.com/freebies>

Windows

CCleaner speeds up your computer by removing unused files. Options include emptying the trash and clearing form data from Internet Explorer.

<http://www.ccleaner.com/>

Ask us your questions.



Allum News: Life after SBCEO



Mark Sawran, formerly a delivery driver for IMS, is now a grandpa. His daughter Kari had a baby boy, Michael. Mark is living on the big island in Hawaii as a supervisor of a water treatment plant and is enjoying the geography, climate, and adventures of our 50th state. —Fred Borchers/IMS

happening (again) in SBAS. Just like a blast from the past, Taiwo will be filling-in for a while. Welcome back!

—Tom Heiduk/HR

Marilyn Wibbeler (former secretary in SBAS) is living in Bayfield, CO, just outside Durango, and is working full-time for a soil engineers company. She bought a house on a one-acre lot and has 50 pine trees and a view of the valley. Marilyn was in Santa Barbara for her 50th high school reunion at SB High and stopped by to see us. She says her slower lifestyle in Colorado makes her very happy. —Carole Cole/SBAS

Ever wonder what happened to **Taiwo Madison**? I am sure lots has happened, but for at least a while, it will be



Students Mayra Ponce and Cathy Gonzales wait for a signature from Jane Goodall in the Eco-cell box at the third international Peace Day.

ROP students meet with Jane Goodall

Lee Ann Knodel, ROP Virtual Enterprise teacher at Santa Barbara High School, says she cannot begin to say how thrilling and inspiring it was for her and for her Virtual Enterprise students to meet Jane Goodall at the Third Annual International Peace Day in September.

Lee Ann said, “It was an amazing day for everyone involved. Jane Goodall even signed our Eco-Cell box with the chimp on it, and she was not doing any signing, so it was a huge honor. [Goodall] loved the student designs and projects. The class also received a signed Certificate of Appreciation from the Goodall Institute. She spent several minutes with them discussing the Eco-Cell, recycling batteries, and the VITA Service-Learning projects. It was a proud moment. The event will be featured in the class’s newsletter and at the VE grand opening in December.

We thank Kathy Kelly and Irene Falzone for taking us to the event. We were the only high school group from Santa Barbara County.” Kudos to Lee Ann Knodel.

—Marilyn Lake/ROP-S



We all miss seeing **Bob Freeborn-Rubin** in the Cathedral Oaks mailroom. He’s in Fiscal Services now, in case you wondered. With that said, huge kudos to **Doris Buchanan** for her hard work in always keeping the mail moving. Always ready with an infectious smile, or witty remark, Doris helps each of us every single day. Thanks, Doris. —Tom Heiduk/HR

Kudos to **Robert Valenzuela** in the North County. He is always happy, quick to flash a smile, and willing to do anything asked of him. He is a great handyman and can fix anything. I truly appreciate him and want to say “thank you” for doing such a great job and making my job easier. —Araceli Meridith/FitzGerald School

Educators/students meet Jane Goodall, advance service-learning efforts

The Santa Barbara Service-Learning Initiative, active in 15 Santa Barbara County school districts, launched the second year at a large gathering of Roots and Shoots school clubs at Griffith Park in Los Angeles in September. More than 80 teachers, students, and partners made the trip. The Third Annual International Day of Peace, which took place during National Learning and Service Week, was particularly special this year because Dr. Jane Goodall met with each Santa Barbara County teacher and student to review Service-Learning projects. Service-Learning focuses on civic

participation and service in the local community while improving academic achievement. The Service-Learning projects presented were student-designed and integrated into classroom curriculum.

It was a unique opportunity for students, educators, and the whole community to meet with Goodall, the living embodiment of service and learning; a world-renowned biologist, primatologist, and conservationist; as well as a UN Messenger of Peace. Teachers and students said this was a day they will never forget, and that they are inspired to continue their commitment to

Service-Learning.

The Santa Barbara County Service-Learning Initiative supports Service-Learning by building a network of teachers who function as school site advocates, implementing Service-Learning as a teaching strategy and acting as a resource to parents, colleagues, and community partners to strengthen the connection between learning and service. More information is available from Art Fisher, Service-Learning Lead. —Marilyn Lake/ROP-S

Did you know?

Y-ME spans globe

Ann Marcos and Mimi Kaplan were dealing with breast cancer during a time when the word “cancer” was often whispered. In 1978, convinced that knowledge was power when it came to breast cancer and that talking about their feelings could lessen the isolation of their experience, they were inspired to create a telephone hotline and support network that evolved into ‘Y-ME.’

Y-ME provides 24/7 peer support information and empowerment to tens of thousands of women nationwide, ensuring that no one faces breast cancer alone. Also, thanks to the Internet, Y-ME reaches people worldwide in seven different languages, at www.y-me.org.

Those interested can get involved by:

- passing on Y-ME’s hotline number **(800) 221-2141** to someone who may need information/support.
- becoming an advocate.
- holding a breast health seminar in your workplace, club, or religious institution.
- becoming a Y-ME hotline volunteer peer counselor after completing the training and certification program.
- making a gift to Y-ME in honor or memory of a loved one.
- shopping for the cause. Visit www.y-me.org and click on Corporate Partners for ideas.
- joining the mailing list to begin receiving *Peer to Peer*, Y-ME’s newsletter.

—Luciana Gallegos/Migrant Ed.-N

Aurora Gutierrez: Helping women in crisis

Aurora Gutierrez, Migrant Education Regional Recruiter, has been an example to women dealing with the kinds of fears, questions, and doubts that breast cancer poses to many dear to us.

In 1999, Aurora was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a lumpectomy and had 22 lymph nodes removed. She went through months of chemotherapy and radiation. Aurora continued working and shares that it was her family, spiritual friends, and work family that helped her get through the process. She has been in remission for seven years and believes that life goes on no matter what you’re served in life. Her strength comes from her spirituality and the ability to seek out the positive in any challenging situation.

Aurora is dedicated to helping women in crisis. She works with people who have been diagnosed with cancer by volunteering in the “Reach to Recovery Program,” as well as other group therapy programs.

Cancer didn’t stop Aurora. In fact, it encouraged her desire to help others. She enrolled at Antioch University of Santa Barbara in 2001. She obtained her B. A. in liberal arts with concentration in psychology. She is currently pursuing her masters in psychology and hopes eventually to become a psychotherapist with a doctorate in psychology. She has been an inspiration.

—Luciana Gallegos/Migrant Ed.-N

Migrant Ed. offers leadership training at Camp Whittier

Migrant Education students from North and South Santa Barbara County once again had the opportunity to work with professionals at the annual ‘Future Leaders of America’ conference and retreat at Camp Whittier in October.

Middle school students in grades seven through 10 attended sessions throughout the day, and some evenings, in order to hear and interact with guest speakers about becoming a leader.

The event was led and arranged by Migrant Director **Maria Garcia-Cacique** and Program Specialist **Delia Limon**.

—Marilyn Lake/ROP-S



Bill Cirone

SB County Superintendent of Schools, Cathedral Oaks

Bill's favorites:

Community interest/soapbox topic: The health care crisis with California having the largest percent of uninsured children in the nation.

Quote or motto: "Tell me and I forget, show me and I remember, involve me and I understand."

Book: *Self-Renewal* by John W. Gardner.

Music: Jazz.

Movies/TV shows: Old Woody Allen movies.

Leisure time activities/hobbies: Walking.

Other interesting work you've done: Community organizing, teaching, business executive.

Hidden talents: I'll leave that to others to decide.

Hometown: Brooklyn, New York—back in the days of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Where did you go to school: Providence College, NYC.

Any kids or pets: Peter, who lives in Minnesota.

How long have you been with SBCEO? 34 years.

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Franny Girlando

Secretary III, SBAS/Cathedral Oaks

Franny's favorites:

Quote or motto: "Always look on the bright side of life"
(sung *à la* Monty Python's *Life of Brian*).

Book: *The Talisman* by Stephen King.

Music: Simon & Garfunkel; Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young.

Movies/TV shows: Movie: *You've Got Mail*. TV Show: *Grey's Anatomy*.

Leisure time activities/hobbies: Addicted to audio books and reading. Cross-stitch and knitting.

Other interesting work you've done: Had my own word processing business. Taught 1st grade computers.

Hidden talents: Songwriter, cello player.

Hometown: La Crescenta.

Where did you go to school: Chapman, Westmont, graduated from UCSB.

Any pets: Boston terrier (Pepper), and cockatiel (Kramer).

Any family bragging rights: My two wonderful daughters.

How long have you been with SBCEO? Two and a half years.

Polo Ascencio: TV Star

In case you don't know, there is a TV star in our midst. **Polo Ascencio** might seem to be just another good-natured, friendly fellow from the Internal Services crew at the Cathedral Oaks site, but check this out—Polo is also the sports anchor/reporter for Univision (Channel 16).

Monday through Friday, during both the 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. broadcasts, you can see and hear Polo relate the sports news of the day. Wait, there's more: Polo is also a columnist for the LA Dodgers Spanish website: www.losdodgers.com.
—Tom Heiduk/HR

Ester Garcia: Future canner

Ester Garcia was born and raised in New Mexico. She currently serves as a migrant support staff assistant for Shandon as well as being responsible for recruitment in the Atascadero, Templeton, Pleasant Valley, Shandon, and San Miguel school districts.

Ester can really relate to our migrant families because she, too, worked in the fields. She picked cotton and onions; gathered eggs; and canned tomatoes, garlic, and mushrooms.

She also serves as a School Board Trustee for the Shandon Unified School District. She is currently serving her second four-year term. Her dedication to education and children's safety issues is admirable.

Ester shares that as a board member, it was heart-warming to present her son with his diploma from Shandon Unified School District and later present her grandson with his diploma. Her son is a UCLA alumnus and her grandson attends Santa Monica College.

Ester has a dream to one day have her own canning business. She hopes to can her famous salsas, pickled cactus, and jalapeño chiles. So, keep your eyes and ears open because I'm sure we're going to want to try her specialty items that so many others in the Shandon area have already had the opportunity to taste.

—Luciana Gallegos/Migrant Ed.-N

Question of the Month???

What are you thankful for?_____

I am thankful for life.
—Lonnie Hughes/BTSA

I am thankful for my family; I am also thankful for the sense of humor I use when dealing with them all! I am thankful for my work—I have been blessed with an exceptional supervisor and creative, compassionate, energetic co-workers. I am thankful for my relative health, and that of my family—each day is new and beautiful! I am thankful for grace—to deal with life’s trials.
—Jeanne Greenfield/Ed. Tech.

I am thankful for today!
—Jessica Lopez/HR

I am thankful for all the great people that I work with and for (honest... no, I really am...believe me!). And I’m thankful for Grandma Mary See’s dark chocolate truffles and Costco pumpkin pies. Happy Thanksgiving!
—Tim Furman/IT Services

I am thankful for the chance to work with and learn from **Sue Smith** (FitzGerald). She is great teaching personified.
—Sydney Vincent/SESS-N

I’m thankful for an alert mind, a good appetite, a good husband, fun co-workers, a good child, and for everything around me that is good. Some rain would make me even more thankful.
—Katherine Knudsen/HR

My two daughters, and COLAs to help pay for them!
—Franny Girando/SBAS

The whiteboard. Gives me a laugh during the day.
—Martha Reynolds/SESS-S

My husband is active duty military. For the first time in a very long time, he will not be deployed during the holidays. Thank you, God! I am so very thankful for the sacrifices made daily by military members and their families. Being separated is hard, but during the holidays it’s even more difficult. So, a big THANK YOU to our armed forces and families.
—Susie Ruiz/SESS-N

I am very thankful to have such a great family, and frankly, to have the most wonderful mother in the world. Also, I’m extremely thankful to live in Santa Barbara—the best hometown anyone could have.
—Tom Heiduk/HR

My wonderful children and family, good health, and an amazingly competent and hard-working staff here at ROP!
—Sheryl Malone/ROP-S

I am so thankful for my health, and for my friends and family that care about me. And most of all, for my husband who has stuck with me for 30 years.
—Peggy Greer/NoCo

I was compelled to respond to this in a simple way: For all the freebies we get from our creator, like the air, the sunshine, the rain, the flowers and

trees. He’s given us all we need to be happy! Let’s sit down and count our blessings more often! Observing the beauty all around us—let’s be thankful for His love!
—Maria Gomez/Migrant Ed.

I’m thankful for great supervisors and a healthy family!
—Rose Vigil/SESS-N

My dad and my mom. My son Isaac and daughter Rebecca. My son is in 5th grade and doing well in school. My daughter is in 4th grade and also is doing well in school. They go to El Camino School and Daddy spends a lot of time helping them with homework.
—Michael Pardo/Fiscal Services

Life—every day is a gift. The sky, trees, flowers, air, wind, birds, animals, Mother Earth!
—Lyn Gutiérrez/SESS-N

I’m thankful for my determination to be my best in all I do, for my family, and most of all, for the gift of faith I have to face any challenge and pass that on to anyone in need of guidance.
—Juana Rubio/JCCS

I am thankful for Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson.
—Sylvia Nevarez/Child Development

For the bright sunshine and stars up above; For the wind and the rain and the trees that I love; For the mountains, the sky, the sea and the sand; The creation, so grand.
—Anonymous

Welcome Aboard!

Welcome to the following employees:

Special Education

Gloria Chavez
Instructional Assistant,
Santa Barbara

Cathy Porter
School Occupational Therapist,
Santa Maria

Jenifer Sautot
Instructional Assistant, Cold Spring
Elementary School, Montecito

Donna Whitman
Special Day Class Teacher,
Santa Maria



Achieving success starts now

Virtual Enterprise students from area programs at San Marcos, Santa Barbara, Moorpark, San Luis Obispo, and Carpinteria high schools attended a morning workshop to get prepared to launch their Virtual Enterprise business for the 2007/08 school year.

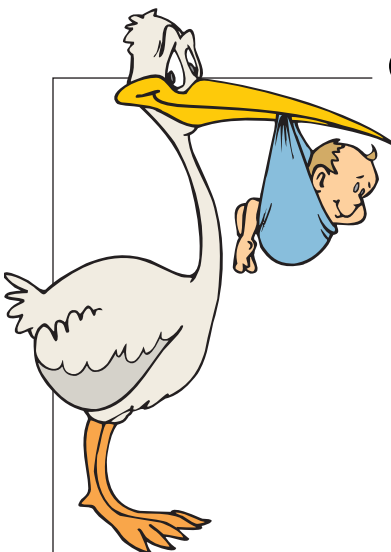
Steven Roche, SVP, Pacific Capital Bancorp; Dr. Julie Brown, Marketing Instructor, SBCC; Steven Loeffler, VP Rabobank; **Lee Ann Knodel**, ROP Instructor, Santa Barbara High School; and Mark Madden, VP, Sunkist Growers spoke with approximately 75 students about sales techniques, marketing, HR professionalism, online banking simulation, and being a CEO.

The Virtual Enterprise students will use this helpful training and education to compete at the Ninth Annual Virtual Enterprise Trade Fair in Bakersfield on Nov. 28 and 29. Additional trade fair competitions may include New York City, San Francisco, Virginia Beach, or Charleston. The event was coordinated by **Marilyn Lake**, Regional Occupational Program.
—Marilyn Lake/ROP-S

Eco-Cell program helps save environment

The recycling of cell phones minimizes the mining process of the resources needed for cell phones. ROP Virtual Enterprise students at Santa Barbara High are being pro-active in helping save the environment and the habitat of wild animals. The program, called 'Eco-Cell,' collects old cell phones from local businesses, the education community, friends, and family to help reduce the mining needs. Last year, 245 cell phones and 200 pounds of batteries were recycled. ROP students have placed recycle boxes at the Cathedral Oaks site in the Educational Technology Training Center and in the employee lounge. Let's fill them up. More information is available by contacting **Lee Ann Knodel** at 963-8597 or **Marilyn Lake** at ext. 4406.
—Marilyn Lake/ROP-S

Oh, baby!



Ariana Alexis Louise Valadez was born Monday, Sept. 24. She weighed 8 lbs., 7 oz.; and was 20-inches long. We are both doing well. Please pass on our family's happy news.
—Patty Valadez/Fiscal Services

Cheryl Zuniga, Center for Community Education, is the proud new grandmother

of Brody Michael Green. Brody was born on Tuesday, Sept. 25, weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz., measuring 21 inches long. He joins big sister, Riley Marie, and parents, Teri and Donovan Green, at home. Brody is Cheryl's third grandson, but 4th grandchild.
—Marilyn Lake/ROP-S

“Boys of Summer”

Answers to last month's puzzle:

Each word is an anagram of a one-word movie title that won at least one Oscar:

- ashen – *Shane*;
- copiers – *Serpico*;
- inane – *Annie*;
- hustle – *Sleuth*;
- chars – *Crash*;
- mentors – *Monster*;
- ail – *Ali*;
- bantam – *Batman*;
- abort – *Borat*;
- saline – *Aliens*.

by Fred Borchers/IMS



Book Reviews:

“Surfer of the Century”

Are you a surfer? Do your children surf? Come take a look at and preview a beautifully-illustrated and well-written picture book biography of Duke Kahanamoku called *Surfer of the Century* by Lee & Low Books in our preview library. The book is filled with details of Kahanamoku’s boyhood in Honolulu, with the Pacific Ocean as his backyard, as well as his struggle with racism and financial troubles throughout his 20-year Olympic career. Ellie Crowe’s words are sparse but informative and Richard Waldrep’s gouache with colored pencil illustrations capture Kahanamoku’s competitive spirit, determination, and humanity.

—Fred Borchers/IMS



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Migrant Education staff celebrate

Migrant Education staff recently attended a three-day regional retreat where “celebration” was the theme. In planning for the school year, staff recalled the many educational programs and activities that took place during the last year and the impact made upon migrant children and their parents. It was unanimous that there were reasons to celebrate both accomplishments and “work family.” Each member is hard working—continuously proving dedication and support for the families they serve.

The presenters were impressive. Martha Chavez demonstrated valuable cooperative strategies for evaluating programs by “TEAM” effort. She emphasized, “I must be happy with me, before I can make someone else happy;” and “Don’t live by saying *some day*, instead strive to say, *I will*. Tomorrow is not promised.”

Marta Serna and Nancy Therman shared strategies for working with English Language Learners in the classroom in the areas of English and mathematics. There were great examples of how children learn and how they can “feel” in the process.

Manuel Unzueta impressed upon the participants the importance of cultural awareness and the value of sharing our stories of childhood with our own children.

Thanks to the leadership of **Bill Cirone**, **Jan Clevenger**, and **Maria Garcia-Cacique**.
—Luciana Gallegos/Migrant Ed.-N