

Page Youth Center

Mardi Gras

By Devon Pettengill / CASA

GUESTS ARRIVED DECKED OUT IN BRILLIANT FEATHERS, glittering masks, and copious strands of beads to Page Youth Center's Club Mardi Gras fundraiser, held at Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort recently.

As costumed guests entered, their photos were snapped to be displayed in a PowerPoint slideshow during dinner, and to be judged for a costume contest at the end of the night.



Middle: **Carlos Martinez**. Clockwise from bottom: **Cynthia Norton, Kara Stewart, Ashley Kohler, Kate Daughtry, and Anna Cardenas**.



Bibi Moezzi and Bill Pesso



Sydney Shalhoob sang for the guests.

"It was great seeing friends and doing something that benefits the community," Linda Page, daughter of the Center's co-founder Ben Page, recalled of the evening. "Page Youth Center is important for what it does not just for the community's youth, but everyone, adults and elderly too. It helps families get involved in their children's lives."

Local radio personality Bill Pesso announced the 2008 Mardi Gras King and Queen, who walked the red carpet then ceremoniously removed their masks, revealing themselves to be Tom Caesar and Linda Page.

Following dinner and dessert the lights dimmed, a mirror ball

started spinning above the crowd, and the Fusion dancers, based in Montecito, took the stage in festive cabaret style.

Though the Center covers some of its operating expenses with activity fees and facility rentals, it relies heavily on the generosity of members of the community to continue to provide opportunities for exercise and personal growth to local youth.

Page Youth Center is located at 4540 Hollister Ave. For more information, call 967-8778 or visit www.pageyouthcenter.org.



Gary and Jennifer Caesar



2008 Mardi Gras King **Tom Caesar** and Queen **Linda Page**



Bob Yost



Betty Stephens, Lindsay Fisher, and Joi Stephens

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