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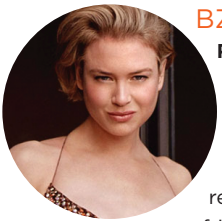
VALLEY

WORD UP Valley local and legendary lyricist **Bernie Taupin** teamed up with **Elton John** to write the songs for Elton's new animated musical *Gnomeo and Juliet*, a twist on William Shakespeare's tragic romance. This love story—set in a world of garden gnomes—is due for release in 2010.



MI CASA ES TU CASA “Stay-cations” are in, and **Santa Ynez Vacation Rentals**, 800-557-5939, santaynezvacationrentals.com, has more than 30 deluxe cottages, ranches, and grand estates to choose from to create your own wine country experience. Personalized concierge services can arrange for a private harvest winemaker's dinner. Kudos to the Koehler Estate vineyard house.

COUNTRY ROYALTY **Carlene Carter**, daughter of **June Carter Cash** (as in Johnny Cash) and granddaughter of legend **Maybelle Carter** is now living with her husband, Joe, on a scenic ridge in Santa Ynez. The C&W singer's newest CD, *Stronger*, was recorded entirely in Solvang.



BZZZZ Fashion-savvy **Renée Zelleweger** zipped into **Lady Bug Boutique**, 3585 Sagunto St., Santa Ynez, 805-693-8998, ladybugboutique.com, recently while in the valley for a friend's wedding. She loaded up her bags with items from Joie, Love Tanjane (made in Ojai), and Gypsy 05.

TRICKED-OUT TRAVEL **Trikke**, 85 Industry Way, Ste. F, Buellton, 805-693-0800, trikke.com, carving vehicles are the coolest way to tool around town with the added benefit of getting fit. These human and gravity-powered transports look like a scooter with legs and simulate a combination of rollerblading and/or skiing on pavement. Be on the look out for city councilman **Das Williams** campaigning for state assembly aboard this trendy ride.

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