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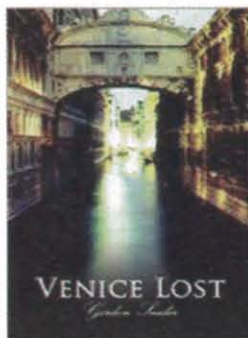


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This is Gordon Snyder's fourth novel, and he has once more created a fascinating world filled with compelling characters. There is Vincent Miceli, one of the most powerful aristocrats in Venice. He was once Lucrezia's lover, and he wants her back; Didem, the mysterious companion of Lucrezia's uncle, who analyzes Robert's frightening journeys through time and warns him that someone close to him will die; Giolitti Saracoo, a madman who will stop at nothing to gain control of the secret

festivals funded by Lucrezia's family; and last, but certainly not least, Lucrezia's family, a delightful mixture of elegant charm, fragile egos, and impulsive behavior. Gordon's colorful descriptions of modern and 18th century Venice will bring this venerable city alive for anyone who has visited or dreamed of visiting Venice someday. This is a great read for anyone who enjoys an imaginative and creative story. You can read a synopsis and sample chapter from **Venice Lost** on Gordon's website: gordonsnyder.com. The book is available through book stores and on the internet at amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

FOUNDERS BANK OPENS NORTH COUNTY LOAN OFFICE

Founders Community Bank (FCBP.OB) is pleased to announce the expansion of their services to Northern SLO County through their new Small Business Lending Center, to be located at 6100 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA. The Small Business Lending Center is anticipated to open in November 2011. The cities between Templeton and Santa Margarita have accounted for over 12% of the Bank's San Luis Obispo County loan growth. Kelley Stolz, a long time North County banker, recently decided to join the bank to assist in developing this emerging customer base.

JACK'S HELPING HAND LEADER RECEIVES HONOR



The SLO County Community Foundation presented the 5th Annual Isabel P. Ruiz Humanitarian Award to Jack's Helping Hand Charitable Administrator Mary Illingworth. The Isabel P. Ruiz Humanitarian Award recognizes a local individual for outstanding efforts in advocacy and caring for local people in SLO County. The award was presented recently when David Ruiz, Isabel's son, and Janice Fong Wolf presented the award, and Mayor Jan Marx presented a city proclamation honoring Illingworth. In 2003, Illingworth was forever changed by a close and supportive relationship with Jack Ready, a toddler who suffered from a rare form of

brain cancer. With her help, Jack's parents were able to enroll him in Cuesta College's preschool. Soon after Jack's death at just 3 years old, Illingworth helped his parents to refurbish and equip a special therapy room at California Children's Services, and then accepted the lead role in starting and running the nonprofit Jack's Helping Hand (JHH) in his name. Since 2005, she has responded daily to the heartbreaking stories and pleas for help from many families who have children with special needs.