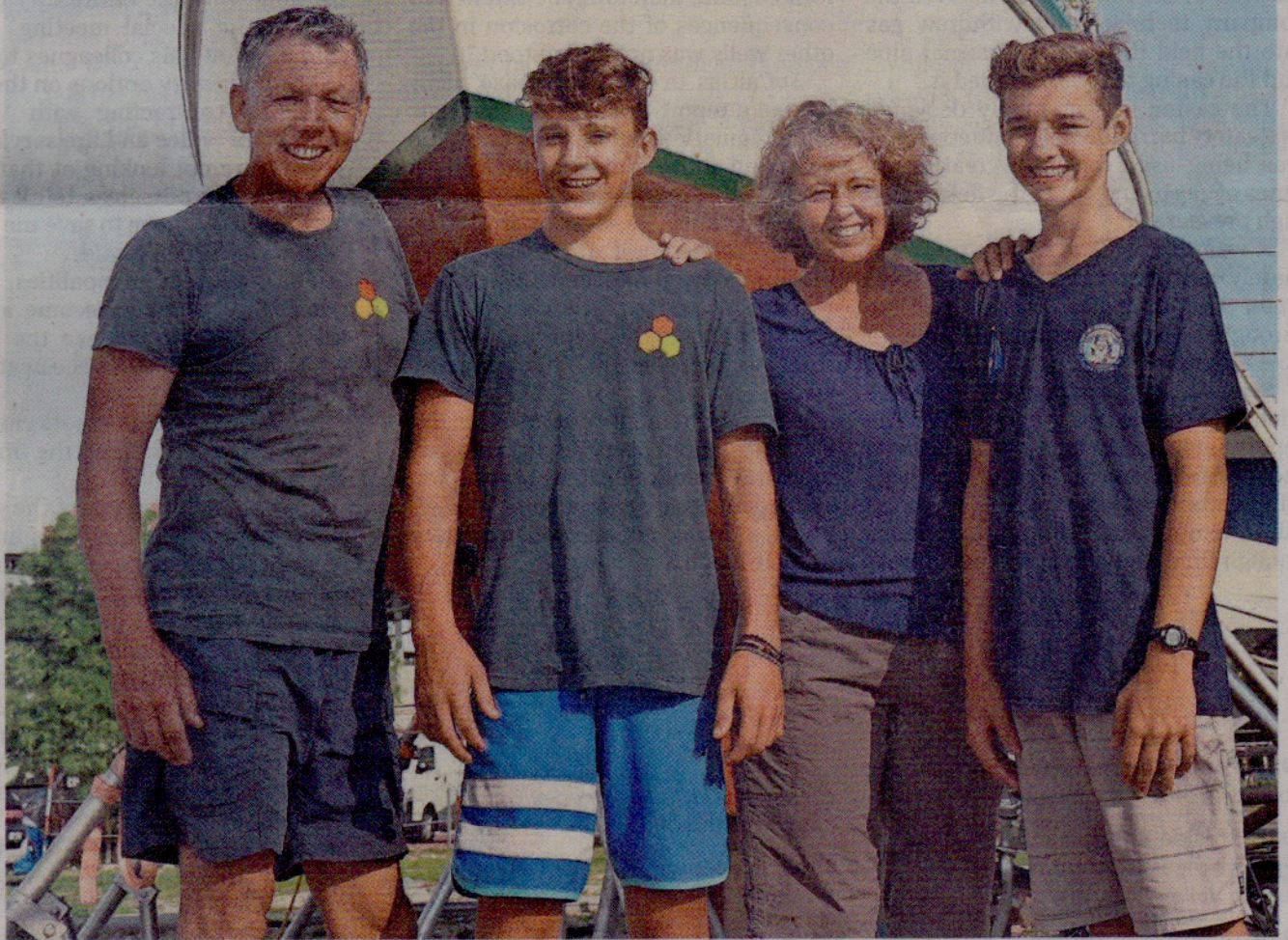


travelers sail home



The Rigney family of Ventura sailed around the world in a 51-month journey. From left to right are Eric, Bryce, Leslie and Trent. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/RIGNEY FAMILY

This local family enjoyed a four-year expedition

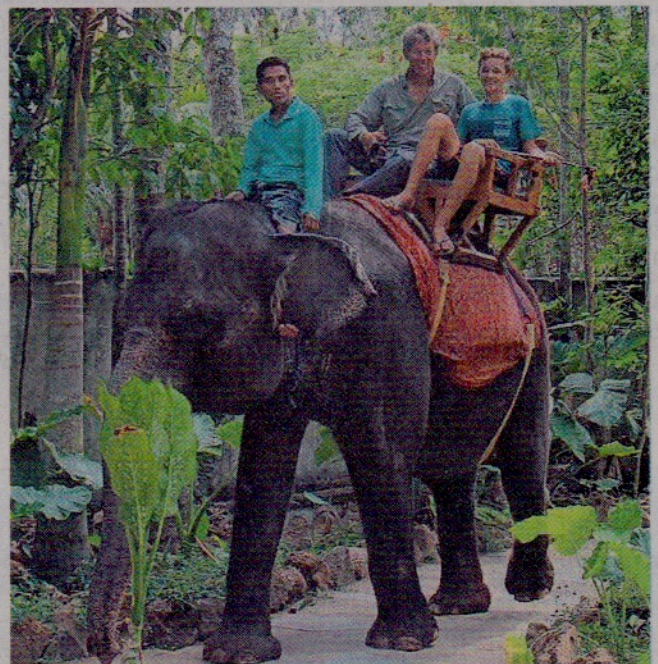
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They rode elephants in Indonesia, raced across a gulf near Somalia wary of pirates and spent a Christmas rescuing a fishing boat 150 nautical miles from the Marquesas Islands.

More than four years and three months after pushing off on a sailing adventure around the world, Eric Rigney, wife Leslie and 17-year-old son Bryce are scheduled to return home Saturday morning. They'll drift into the Ventura Harbor on their 42-foot fiberglass cutter named Kandu.

"I wasn't expecting when we arrived to feel like 'this is it,'" said Leslie Dennis-Rigney in a phone interview from Marina del Rey on Wednesday. "We're not traveling any more. We're no longer anonymous. We're here and we're not going to be moving any more... We're back in the saddle."

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Eric and Trent Rigney take a ride at the Lombok Elephant Park in Indonesia. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/RIGNEY FAMILY