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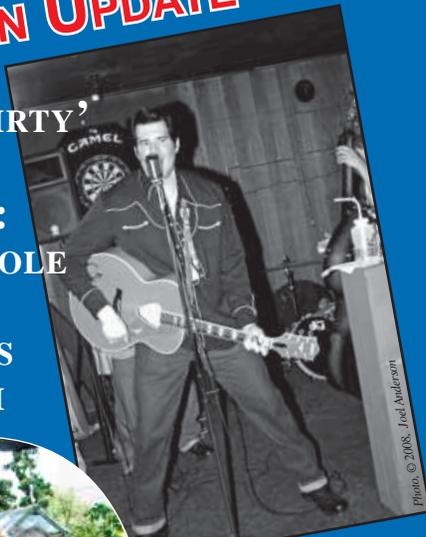
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...would Smell as Sweet"

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Ken "Kenny" Milton's Crafty Palm Masks

## Brandi Ajah - Checkin' Out the Organic Coconuts at the Honor the Farm Fest

In celebration of Ojai's Honor Farm becoming an organic farm Steve Sprinkel's "Honor the Farm" music festival highlighted speaker Will Allen, legendary organic farmer and author. Will Allen: "You buy organic food because the other stuff's poison, that's my message...."

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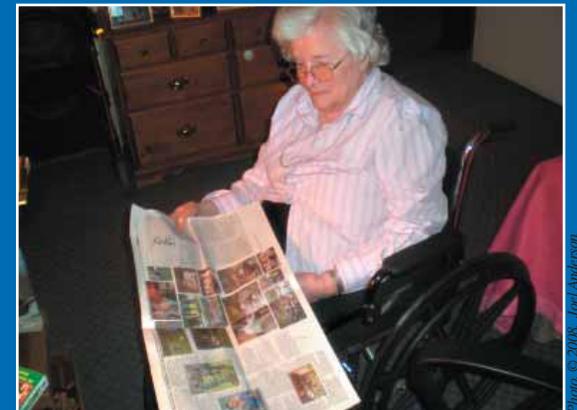


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## NINA SHELLEY SPEAKS OUT



"I love this town.... I think Ojai has a future...."  
- Ojai's 'Grandmother'

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## Ojai's 'Grandmother' Speaks Out



**O**jai's unofficial grandmother and former three time Ojai Mayor, **Nina Shelley**, (served for 16-years as council member) recently spoke about Ojai, the arcade area, the direction of the city of Ojai and a few of her friends. A former U.S. Marine W.A.C., Shelley fought many battles to preserve Ojai (Weldon, etc.) at pivotal points in Ojai's recent history. As one of Ojai's elder statespersons, Nina has very clear ideas on Ojai's past, current direction and future.

-- Editor

"Well I have as much if not more admiration for the people of the city. I would like to be a part of the group deciding on current development issues important to the kind of city that I have worked for in the past. We (as council members) should never bring disgrace to the city of Ojai."

Although Nina feels the Arcade area is currently the strongest merchant area in Ojai, she had definite ideas about Ojai's past pseudo-redevelopment. "At the time I thought the redevelopment could have been improved. I'm not sure that all the rock structures behind Matilija Plaza were exactly what the people of Ojai had in mind. I do think the Arcade is improved in what it offers in merchandise at the highest level. I'm not quite sure whether we need the less expensive merchandise. The improvement of the Pergola was an improvement. I don't say that with a resounding yes but it is an improvement. The Trolley, which I thought would never go, does go.

Driving through Ojai, I'm proud of it. I'm not talking just about the downtown part, but it would include the downtown. I am particularly proud of how the merchants have handled their wares.

In the next five years we may hit a bad spot in terms of money. There have been a few people (merchants) who have had to move off the main street who couldn't quite make it in business. That's not right.

A few of the original council members still serve. "Steve Olson is so special to me. We worked together from the time I got on the city council. I think that Steve and I worked together every day working on what we thought would make this city good. Steve had the history and I had this thing about 'how can we make our city good.' I think that we accomplished that.

I do have negative feeling about Joe DeVito hanging onto that post. I wonder how he feels about that

long service to the city? I do think it's not the matter of time, but what you do when you're in there. It's a matter of what you bring in. I think that Joe brings about a certain position that is very RIGID in thought. I can't see that Joe has really made a strong commitment. I think he brings to the council meetings something that is neither new or innovative. I would like to see him develop those skills.

I think that all of the city council members should do a little studying and possibly inviting very well known experts in from similar cities.

The national politics are better than they have been in the last 25 years. I think that the public is catching on as to who is doing something for the public and who is just doing something for themselves. I will vote for the gentleman Obama. I don't think he's too young -- I think that's one of the good things about him.

With Ojai having the character it has, I don't think it has anything to worry about. I don't see Los Angeles ever destroying Ojai. Ojai is very unique. One of my friends, Pat Weinberger is a great person and puts a lot of herself AND A LOT OF HER MONEY into Ojai. She IS a great friend.

*"I love this town. I'll never love a town as much as I love this town. Just the idea of being able to sit and talking to someone that's interested makes me very very happy. I think there's a future for Ojai more than the rest of the world... laughter."*

When I came to Ojai the Bowling Alley was going and I was bowling there with my brother and anyone who would bowl with me. I was really saddened when I saw that the Bowling Alley wasn't going to be remodeled/redeveloped. I hated to see it go. I thought the Bowling Alley was pretty productive in terms of pleasing the public -- it did a pretty good business. It had a great little coffee shop and was open on Saturday morning. I would go there every Saturday morning and I was FREEE. That was a great thrill for me because I had two little bowlers, an eight and six-year-old. My kids learned to accept winning and losing in the right way.

What I thought about the bowling alley, I truly thought it wasn't making enough money. The bowling alley needed upgrading. It really needed improvement. I saw a lot of people taking recreational advantage of the bowling alley. It also had the only video arcade area, which the kids loved. It's a great big building that the potential buyer is not looking for it being useful to the people of Ojai."

*Nina Shelley, Ojai's 'Grandmother' Ojai Mayor, 3 Terms Ojai City Council, 16-years U.S.M.C. W.A.C. (Ret.)*

*"Every generation needs a new revolution."*

- Thomas Jefferson

## Readers Wanna Know

**E**ditor, I have seen your publication and I would like to know if the woman on the front page, Jennifer Moss, is the same woman that travels (bike, skates) around Ojai wearing only pasties and a g-string?

*Thank you for your time. Butterfli O'Shea*

Butterfli,

*Thank you for your letter. We Ain't Talkin'.*  
-- Editor



Earth Friend Jen turns her tail to Ojai, but promises to come back with a bevy of pastie girls for Leland Hammerschmidt's birthday. Leland baby, when's your birthday?

## Global Warmth or Dissss-Information?

**W**hile it is an impressive endeavor to carry on the spirit of The Voice; to start off the editorial content with unfounded activism tarnishes the presentation of the first issue. Virtually two full pages of disinforma-

### Anger Management

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tion by Alasdair Coyne's first part of a series devoted to anthropogenic global warming that demonizes the gas that benefits plant growth, and thus food production. Further, stating that our planet's climate is relatively stable is counter to the study of our solar system. That is, the varying solar radiation affects temperatures on several planets within our solar system. If the sun bursts on sun's surface reduce their magnitude, the result is lower global temperatures, such as we are currently experiencing. We can observe the current cold winter that has been reported in several countries this year. If science minded readers of The Rose want to see what scientists of the world are publishing, just type, "Non-governmental International Panel on Climate Change's 2008 report" into a search engine. Then readers can have at minimum, a balanced explanation of what drives global temperatures and the results, versus the monstrous doom that will befall us.

Mark Ortega, Ventura

## VIEW Exclusive

### Earth Friendly Jen

**T**his is Jennifer Moss. They make it sound like I've left town because of cop harrassment and stuff. I don't like that, but that's not the big reason I've left. I've left Ojai because they're dousing Matilija Canyon with pesticides and the whole community of Ojai is divided against itself in that. They respect the earth more up here in Ashland, Oregon.

I went to the police station to make sure I knew the law, which was there is no public nudity laws in Ashland, Oregon except for the downtown area where you gotta to cover your genitalia, but you can still be topless. and be wearing a thong and bikini.

So, after I talked to the friendly woman cop that told me that she'd be running around naked on her bike too if she had a nice body like me. I went out and disrobed right on the police station property in front of the American flag and did completely nude headstands in the name of freedom. And guess what I rode my bike around and not one police officer stopped me and talked to me.

Earth Friend Jen, Ashland Oregon

**Editors Note:** Mary at the Ashland police station reported to the View, "We've had several calls in the last few days about a nudist riding a bicycle, pulling a small wagon. She's been all over town. The callers, well, weren't shocked, but they were concerned that there might be a small child in the wagon. We get lots of those kind of people in Ashland. What did you say her name was?"

-- Editor

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## Hats Off to Sammy

**I**m so sorry sir, this took so damn long. Seems I languished forever, writing your Sammy's Song. Penning this tribute to Sammy and Friends.

Courageous Jarheads, Brave Semper Fi Femmes. Made me think of grim caskets that keep on commin' back, From that obscene, vulgar war, quagmire in Iraq.

Flag-draped coffins, keep on arriving from Baghdad city, And sad to say, arriving too, multiple thousands just like you. Bodies and psyches, torn and scarred, and horribly broken

Coming back home to proud lady land, returning to their USA homes Marching in lock step in their minds Brave marine warriors now know one thing in kind

To the grim bitter end, you can't ever, No never, truly come home again. So Sam, here's the skinny, why this took so damn long.

It had to do with an old Platters song You see, Sam, my man, I'm a jarhead guy....

Guess that sentimental smoke just kept getting in my eyes.

What becomes of the brokenhearted ? What becomes of fond friends now departed ?

So this one's for you, pal, and all of the corps, Sammy stood tall and went to the wall Sucked up his courage, marched off to war

Faced down the grim reaper Almost stepped through the doors. Saw four of his buddies so horribly die Right in front of his horrified eyes ! A sad scene so poignant made the toughest grunt cry.

Now Sammy's back home in proud lady land True USA war hero, a Tillman-type man. Like thousands of others – crème de crème of the corps

Almost gazed into hell surviving the war. Hats off to Sammy, true catcher catch can As a boy went to Baghdad, came back a man.

So why's he unique ? It's really quite fundamental you see Why's he 'especial, what now sets him apart That' Sammy, he's got

**The Purple Heart**

*William Williams, U.S.M.C. (Ret.)*

*Written Feb. 14, 2008*

*In Tribute to,*

*Sam Marley, U.S.M.C.*

## American Red Cross Disaster Team Training

**Become a Disaster Action Team Member – Free Training**

**V**entura County – The American Red Cross of Ventura County is offering training, May 17th and 18th for anyone interested in becoming a Disaster Action Team member. This role is vital to American Red Cross disaster response. In times of disaster, these trained volunteers deploy to the scene and provide critical disaster response. These trained responders form the Disaster Action Team, a highly sought and rewarding volunteer position.

The two full day training is free. Day 1 starts with a basic American Red Cross orientation and is followed by a more detailed introduction to the disaster volun-

teer position. Participants will learn about mass care and run through a DAT workshop. On Day 2, participants will learn about shelter operations and management. Shelter simulations will allow volunteers to see how the Red Cross operates shelters in times of disaster.

Limited seating is available. Please reserve your spot by calling **805-339-2234 ext. 235**. Training will be held at the **American Red Cross Program Headquarters, 2355 Portola Road, Ventura** on Saturday and Sunday, 8:30am to 5:30pm.

To enhance local preparedness and response, the **American Red Cross of Ventura County** is expanding DAT – its **Disaster Action Team** network -- within **Ventura County's** ten cities.

Since 1917, the **American Red Cross of Ventura County** has been meeting needs throughout the communities it serves. Each year, more than 2,000 local volunteers respond to more than 50 local disasters, teach tens of thousands of individuals vital lifesaving skills, and support the men and women in the **US Armed Forces**. The **American Red Cross** is not a government agency.

*Karen Eckhardt, Ventura  
Eckhardtk@usa.redcross.org  
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## Small Townie - Ojai City Revenue Watch - Ojai Getting Too BIG CITY ?

**O**jai Citizens be warned, Ojai's parking mini-truck ticketmeisters are patrolling the lazy backstreets of Ojai (*Eucalyptus Street*)... ticketing cars for minor parking infractions. Just witnessed a plumber getting a ticket for parking 'backwards' to unload tools/materials. Isn't it true that a commercial plated contractor has the legal right to unload tools and equipment ie: work ? As if the trades in this economy aren't strapped enough ??? Is the city really that desperate for revenue ? Let's hope there's an easy explanation here ?

- Editor

## Will Our Children Be Able to Read a Ballot ?

**H**elp Save **Meiner's Oaks Elementary School** as it is fast becoming one of the many **California** schools at risk of being closed by the "Governator".

*For more info. contact Glen  
646-1600*

## HELP of Ojai Celebrates 40-Years of Service

**H**ELP of Ojai turns 40 this year, and has placed a thermometer at the "Y" to help track their progress toward raising their goal of \$500,000 this year. Write a check to [www.helpofojai.org](http://www.helpofojai.org), call 646-5122.



*"I've become a stranger to myself and all around me."*

- H.C.

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**Don't Tell Me Who I am... Let me guess !**



**Do You Like Your Work ?**



## Part II

**J**ames Hollis, Ph.D., differentiates between a job and a vocation. A job is strictly here to earn money to meet economic demands and retirement is usually longed for, like an oasis in the desert.

A vocation is a "calling" – what we are meant to do. It is part of the process of individuation. We do not really choose a vocation; rather it seems to choose us. If we don't respond to our "calling", some form of damage occurs to the soul and it is in mid-life that suffering over this issue becomes acute. That is why more people make more profound changes in midlife than at any other time. The greatest inner creative unfolding is possible in the middle and later years.

There are many people, who at least for a while, have a job to meet the escalating economic demands. They might drive a cab, deliver morning papers, work in a coffee shop and after work pursue their calling which might be playing music, painting, studying carpentry, going to school for forestry, taking a creative writing course etc.. It is in the pursuit of our 'calling' that our souls get replenished. The "search for meaning" can be greatly satisfied when our "calling" comes knocking on our door and we say "Yes". Soulful parenting is one of the most creative endeavors we can undertake.

Sometimes we don't know what our "calling" is, therefore we periodically have to ask ourselves, "What am I called to do?" Then we humbly wait and listen to our dreams, daydreams, visions, feelings, intuitions and passions to arise from within... if we can be silent long enough the instructions will come.

Of course, when the call comes we have to be willing to sacrifice our ego comforts, security, and pay our dues, which all vocations require. It takes courage and is often painful, but not as painful as regretting that we have failed to answer the call and are stuck in inertia, boredom and despair.

Our calling allows us to become more fully ourselves. "The soul has its needs which are often not served well by paychecks and perks" (Hollis). Relinquishing securities and the status quo might be frightening, but in this case, the fullness of our courage is equally important to the goodness of our hearts.

*Love to Mother Meera. One for all and all for one.*

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*Thanks, Onward! Peter*

**WINE AND ROSES**

by Ron Rowe

**T**is the merry month of May, with a Hey and a ho and a hey nonny no. For now, the fragrant flowers do spring and sprout in seemly sort, the little birds do sit, and sing, the lambs do make fine sport, the Lords and ladies now abroad for their disport and play, do kiss sometimes upon the grass, and sometimes in the hay.

Spring, when the young man's fancy turns to love and old men's to lust. May also brings a new beginning in the garden and also in politics. I see two council members may not be seeking re-election for the *City of Ojai*. That will leave two vacancies to be filled. Will **Lenny Claif** seek a vacant seat on the council? The whispered word is, he is very busy with his newfound acting career. He has appeared in many of the past productions at the *Ojai Art Center*. Will he run for office? Any comments!..

The tennis matches are over, so are the bicycle races, which means we will have our parking spaces available downtown once again, enjoy it whilst you can the music festival will soon be upon us.

Good news for people who enjoy good food, **Rosie** is back in town after being months away in **Ireland**, she has returned to **Feast Bistro located at 254 E. Ojai Ave.** She was really missed and we are so happy to see her smiling face once again preparing her fantastic meals. Do pop in and say hello to her, also a cheerio to **Susan and Beryl at Plaza Pantry, call 640-9260** for reservations.

Congratulations to **HELP OF Ojai**, they are celebrating 40-years of service to the community of **Ojai**. If you would like more info check **646-5122**.

This is cover the uninsured week, it's a good time to remind ourselves that over 47 million people, that's 16% of the population, lack health insurance. Considering the fact that we are a wealthy nation spending billions of dollars every month in **IRAQ**, it's shameful. Time to elect politicians who are honest and care about their constituents not their selfish egos.

Want to know where your tax dollars all going? We just opened the largest embassy in the world in downtown **Baghdad, Iraq**. It's a 27 building compound on 104 acres of land, it includes basketball courts, 619 apartments, restaurants, indoor swimming pools, indoor and outdoor volleyball

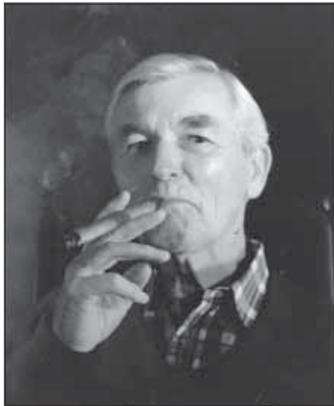


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courts, cost is \$474 million. Does anyone know why we built this monstrosity? If we say we don't intend to stay in Iraq? With gas prices over four dollars a gallon, **BP and Shell** oil companies had a record-breaking profit for the first quarter of this year. They had a combined profit of \$17 billion, **BP**

reported a 63% increase to \$89.2 billion, **Shell** had a 55% increase to \$114 billion, I agree that companies should make a profit, but these profits are obscene.

Guess which are the four top leading banks in the world? Forget **Wells Fargo**, the **Boston Consulting Group** lists the **Commercial Bank of China** as a top bank of the world, second is the **China Construction Bank**, followed by **Bank of China** and **Citigroup** of the **US**. The study found banks in the **US** and **Western Europe** suffering losses of \$695 billion in the market capitalization, while **China, Russia, India and Brazil** showed an increase of \$753 billion.

Wise saying. Every election is a sort of advance auction sale of stolen goods.

According to **USA Today**, **Jeffrey Mezger** the CEO of struggling company home builder, **K.B. HOMES** collected a \$1 million salary and a \$6 million bonus in 2007, despite presiding over **K.B. Homes** loss of \$929 million. He is in good company, the average CEO collected \$15.7 million in salary and bonuses last year.

You have to know when to quit, a **Japanese** baseball team walked off the field in the second inning after falling behind, 66 - 0.

Still no news of **Reverend ADELIR DE CARLI** the **Brazilian priest** who strapped himself to a chair attached to a cluster of helium balloons and soared into the heavens to the cheers of his parishioners, it's been over a week and still no news, wonder if he made it to heaven?

Wow, blind golfer 85-year-old **Robert Dunhay of Arizona** made a hole-in-1. Robert couldn't believe it, he thought the other golfers were pulling his leg, but it was true.

**Warren White Lightning of Madison, Wisconsin** stole a **Krispy Kreme** donut truck and led police on a 80 m.p.h. chase. Police finally caught him by following a trail of hundreds of doughnuts in the street. Warren was charged with drunken driving, ramming a police car, etc., etc.

Attention men with scrawny, sagging or flat buttocks, help is here for you. A **Canadian** company that makes padded bras for ladies now makes a Bottoms Up padded boxer brief -- it's the men's equivalent of the ladies Wonderbra.

Modern art is confusing to me. Elephants, dogs and chimpanzees paint on canvas that sell for thousands of dollars. Now, seven **German** artists with lice in their hair have moved into an **Israeli** museum. **Artist Vincent Grunwald** said, we live in the museum as their guests, at the same time, we are hosting lice in our heads. This exhibit is not a joke, art is no longer a painting on the wall. I always believed many artists were slightly unbalanced, what do you think?

With many wine drinkers, cutting back on expensive wines that they drink, one **Beijing, China** billionaire bought a record 27 bottles of red wine at a **London** wine auction. They were **ROMANICONTI**, a red Burgundy wine, only 450 cases are produced every year. The cost of the 27 bottles, a mere \$500,000.

**Stephen Williams, director of wine sales**, said it is the highest price ever paid for a single lot of wine. Ah, we poor Westerners buy Charles Shaw two Buck Chuck, or you can pop down to **Regals Wine Shop on Ojai Ave.** They have great bargains and good wines at affordable prices.

Time to be away in contemplation of the words of **Thomas Kemp**.

*Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself what you wish to be.*

And so it is, peace to all living beings on earth.

*Namaste  
Ron Rowe, Ojai  
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**LETTER****“OVNews ‘Distorts’ Ojai Business Climate”**

- Tanya Lankopf, Ojai

In regard to the story in the Wed., May 14 *Ojai Valley News* on the front page about the amount of vacant stores in the downtown **Ojai** business district. I feel compelled by truth to address the misleading distorted direction of this article.

**Ojai** has historically been a bedroom community, a farming community, where people are proud to come home to and raise a family. As of late

it has been described as **Shangri-la!** - an art community - a tourist must etc., but the very thing that attracts people here our friendly way of life, love of nature and beauty and open space our **SMALL** hometown feel which welcomes visitors as if we have known them for years. We, the **LOCALS**, enchant them with our art, plays, unique shops that are full of wonderful cookery things which reflect the rich diversity of our local townspeople and all of our special events. These are “**OJAI**” but they are Quickly disappearing. Fields are being built upon; one old charming cottage is labeled an ‘eye sore.’ Instead of being restored it is torn down and replaced with huge Spanish revival condos. Concrete covering every square inch of the property, cramming 25-35 living spaces where not long ago just one cottage was amongst the oaks. We are taking on a feel that is like **Carmel** and **Santa Barbara**, or more accurately a **Thousand Oaks** mall with our “new” Spanish revival buildings being credited as the ‘look’ of Ojai while actual historical buildings are being torn down or labeled eye sores. WOW does **California** need two **Santa Barbara’s**? **Two Thousand Oaks**?

**Ojai** is very special because it is unique. I am fourth generation **Ojai** and a professional business women, who loves the real **OJAI**.

After I read the *OV News* front page article that the downtown commercial vacancies create an “empty feeling” as the headlines screamed, I felt compelled to question the source.

I think its interesting **Mr. Polito** takes it upon himself to take judgment on **Ojai**. He emphasized “*Ojai has not defined itself. Are we tourist or bedroom community or are we a homegrown bedroom community that supports itself?*”

Well, **Ojai** has always had its ups and downs but, with our limited and charming available retail space, there is always a new excited business person waiting in line for a vacancy. As such, in recent years, one could not even get a space.

Landlords started to “cleanse” their buildings of longtime successful merchants to hand select “new” merchants. Some of these “displaced” were **Gift Galleria**, **Nanette Keller Outlet** and the **Herb Garden** to name just a few. All of these shops went out of business after being “excused” from their established locations, either immediately or shortly after. **Nanette Keller** and **Gift Galleria** were replaced with art galleries (some of those also did not survive). Some 4 or more went out of business within two years in the same location and were replaced by **Troop Real Estate**. Dur-

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*“...only thing worse than a politician is the bum tryin’ to get his job”  
- Popular saying and belief*

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ing that time there was nothing vacant at all. Shop owners who desired to retire or move where selling their leases as coveted items. People were in line for any open space anywhere!!

Then with 9/11, the closure of the **Ojai Valley Inn** for renovation, the loss of bed tax from the Inn, and the city's touted project to revamp **Matilija Plaza** behind the arcade, shook the very foundation of the business district. People became very frugal and fearful of spending. Visitors could not stay at the Inn, & what shoppers we had, were provided no foot path to the rear of the arcade where some 25 more wonderful shops eagerly awaited being discovered. This five year span damaged some business so badly that they eventually and painfully closed. At that time a fellow businesswomen and I counted 35 stores and restaurants in two years which closed. Ours soon followed, as well as our neighbors business, all just from **Matilija Street**, which is now largely vacant.

If the **Ojai City Council** really wants to help then they should listen more closely to the needs and advice of your local shop owners and long time residents. We know the impact that *'Thousand Oaks'* style projects can have on our on our businesses, impede access to them and obstructing the view of our display windows, etc.

Suggestion to city council: PUT up directional signs ( 25 more shops this way) use **Solvang** as an example.

There is No great shortage of successful business in Ojai as stated on the front page **OVN** article. Lets not create panic and a false fear about our city's welfare.

Business is and always has been hard work, sometimes plentiful sometimes not, but there is always someone new, ready to try their hand at being a shop owner. This is part of what makes us unique, each individual person brings with them a new fun personality which will be reflected in their shop for townspeople and tourists to enjoy.

The most recent change to Ojai, the **E' Bello** building on the corner of **Canada and main**, owned by **Ron Polito** has 18 to 20 spaces for rent where only 3 existed before. **Mr. Polito** has added an additional 17 retail spaces to the downtown which coincidentally caused many of the Vacancies mentioned in the **OVN** article. The **E' Bello** building wooed some of our long time businesses to move from their established locations: **Curves, Noah's, Fresh Grill, Body Essentials, Troop Real Estate**, and the **Ojai Business Center**.

They all left behind what now are some of our "Vacancies" mentioned in the article as the former tenants simply moved into **Polito's** new building.

So readers; we have a few vacant storefronts just like any place that has just added 17-20 new storefronts. Hey... the math shows me that we have Extra spaces and shops in those

17. There are actually more businesses now than there were before, but it shows up as more vacancies because of the newly added "*Spanish Revival*" storefronts.

So **Ojai Valley News**, please do not cause undue worry to our town by depicting the **Ojai** business community as 'struggling', unstable and with "decrepit" spaces. Soon new businesses will fill the empty spaces on **Matilija Street**. It is my hope for **Ojai's** businesses to cater first to the local people, the return customer, the loyal customer, and secondly to our

wonderful Tourists who bring extra income to our valley.

This is a sound formula. Just ask any local shop owner. So **Nao Braverman** of the **Ojai Valley News**, please don't publish misinformed articles that might frighten off a valuable prospective shop owner from joining in the **Ojai** marketplace. Be Fair, Be Honest, Be Helpful. A good reputation and a beautiful valley are a great formula for success. Lets be **OJAI**

*Sincerely, Tanya Langkopf*  
formerly **Gift Galleria Business Owner**

this one is still on the job. If you have seen the ghost dog of the **Ojai** please get in contact with me at my web site. They say that what ever you do, don't try to confront the specter. Let it move on of its own accord.

If you have anything of the paranormal or mysterious please contact this column. I leave you with this ancient Chinese saying: "*ghosts fear men more than men fear ghosts!*"

*Richard Senate, Oak View*

## VENTURA COUNTY WIERD VIEWS

by **Richard Senate**

**T**he strange, the bizarre, the untold happenings in *Ventura County by the master of the mysterious and the unknown, Richard Senate.*

**Ventura County** is a mystical place where sometimes the uncanny is normal and the odd acceptable. If you do not believe this, just look at the happenings with local politics. But, I digress. The following events have recently come to the attention of your roving reporter.

**Olivas Adobe** happenings continue to amaze visitors as this old pile adds to its litany of the strange. Recently a family touring the place one Sunday afternoon walked into the second floor children's room and saw the apparition of a little boy dressed in an old style suite popular a hundred and fifty years ago. The outfit was all in brown and, as if surprised, the phantom dashed across the room and vanished away. This one chamber has been the location of many sightings over the years. The most prominent ghost encountered is that of a little girl wearing a white night gown and cap. It is thought she is the shade of a little girl named **Maria** who died at the Adobe long ago. A new sighting reported seeing the little girl on the front balcony, her white long-sleeved night dress glowing brightly. Perhaps the ghost boy is just one of **Maria's** supernatural playmates coming for a visit? Who knows.

Also at the **Olivas Adobe** another group of visitors heard something odd in the living room (called the **Sala** after the fashion of the early **Californios**). The old 19th Century piano was heard playing by itself! For several moments an invisible presence was at the keyboard playing something both as mysterious

as it was beautiful.

The **Phantom Bookshop** has long been known for its quaint and curious collection of forgotten books so maybe it's natural that one of those volumes is haunted.



The owner, **Mr. John Anthony Miller**, had **psychic Debbie Senate** come to find out what was happening. Books have flown off the shelves and a strange figure of a women seen. **Debbie** found the source of the distur-

bance, a book on vampires that John had secured as part of an odd collection of books. The psychic felt that a ghostly woman, a person who was fascinated with vampires and the undead, haunts the book. Her name is **Martha**, and she seems content to dwell near her old volume. John doesn't want the thing with its phantom English-woman so he is putting it up on E-bay as a haunted book. I guess the ghost comes with the book.

A ghost hunting team at the historic and well haunted **Glen Tavern Inn** located in **Santa Paula** came away with a number of strange pictures. One depicts a man with a cowboy hat in the lobby of the place. The resident ghost, **Calvin**, is seen wearing just such a hat. Is the photograph the celebrated ghost? Who can say, but it is curious and seems to call out for further investigations. I am planning on an overnight ghost hunt at the **Glen** in the future. See my web site for details or to ask any questions.

[www.ghost-stalker.com](http://www.ghost-stalker.com)

There are several new reports of a ghostly black dog on **Creek Road** near **Ojai**. The thing is big and very dark. Some believe it is a **Native American** shape shifter, but a **Chumash Tribal** shaman tells me it's an evil spirit of some sort from the lower world. Such things were used to guard burial and sacred sites long ago. Maybe



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*(in the midst of the Great Depression)*

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**Oil Price Solutions**

A motorboat full of pirates operating off the **Horn of Africa** tried to stop a **Japanese Oil Tanker** and shot a hole in the massive ship when it failed to stop and be boarded. The tanker leaked oil and the price of crude all around the world went up even more. Its now \$120 per barrel and it looks as if it could go higher. Gas prices are the highest in history and we are only one disaster from having them reach \$5 to \$8 dollars a gallon. If gas prices go higher it is going to have a ripple effect. Food prices will go up, heating oil will go up, so will power. Do you recall the rolling brownouts of a few years ago? It can, and will happen again.

Now is the time to set aside our environmental limits and start drilling once again. New deposits of oil have been discovered in **Montana**. There are oil reserves off the coast, here in **California and Florida**. Now is the time to drill using all of the safety skills we have learned in the last decade. Oil rigs are not pretty but neither is grinding poverty, starvation, and want. We need to conserve energy, we need to limit use, but even with the fancy talk of **Earth Day**, few **Americans** want to get rid of their lifestyle. We must use **American** resources to help in this time of national crisis.

*Richard Senate, Oak View*

**Grand Pooh-Bah  
Stirs Up a Ghost  
from the Past -  
Ventura's "BatLady"  
Donna Landeros**

R. Ellis Smith



Well I'll be!

I was perusing some of my old writings and lo and behold I ran across the name of the "**BatLady**" of the **Ivory Tower**, our ex-city manager **Donna Landeros**. I was under the impression that she had taken the city manager position in **Lodi, California**. I went to the **Lodi, CA** website and couldn't find any mention of her.

I then called the city managers office in **Lodi** and spoke to the city managers secretary. She said that **Donna Landeros** had certainly applied to the city of **Lodi** for the city manager position but had been rejected.

She told me she thought that **Donna Landeros** had taken the city managers position in **Brentwood, CA**. I went to the **Brentwood, CA** website, clicked on the city managers link and what do

LETTER

**SHOCK AND AWE**

In the year 2001, When **George Bush**, the boy, invaded the oval office and got his buddies to help him continue taking over the world, we were so sad, let down, and frightened that we left at once for a **Greek** island. We knew then what we all know to be true today: g. bush as pres. was going to get us, (that's **U.S. as in the United States**) into trouble.

The world was a different place then. We didn't think we stood out as bad guys and bullies. The invasions of **Afghanistan** and **Iraq** had not yet happened. The petroleum wars were still science fiction. School shootings were not hip. To torture someone was not kind. But as the bush grew, so grew its needs and desires. Things would soon start to change.

Why is it, do you suppose, that we, the people living in the "rich-

you think? There in bold type was the proclamation "**City Manager, Donna Landeros**."

Now the city of **Brentwood** is far removed from **Lodi**, not only in location but certainly in stature. **Lodi** is a sort of a people's town, much like **Ventura**, (110,000). The population of **Lodi** (62,000) is comprised mostly of working class people, business owners, and just regular folk, whose medium income is \$47,000 and the medium house value is \$37,200.

**Brentwood** on the other hand is located right next door to **Beverly Hills**, its population (47,000) is comprised mostly of upper middle class and upper class folk, whose medium income is \$75,500, and the medium home value is \$550,000. **Brentwood** has been referred to as the "wannabe" **Beverly Hills**.

This position would seem to be tailored made for **Donna Landeros**, after all she is often referred to as a "wannabe" **Queen of the Ball**. Now I am sure **Donna** is happy in her new position. First of all, there are far fewer folks to have to deal with (*less stress & headaches*) and the type of folks that live in **Brentwood** are not so inclined to make waves at their city hall, as long as the streets have no potholes and the trees are trimmed.

So if you are inclined to say "howdy" to **Donna Landeros** you can e-mail her at **Brentwood** city hall. Don't be surprised if you don't receive an answer.

*R. Ellis Smith,  
Ventura*

I decided to e-mail the **Brentwood** council and explain how much we love **Donna Landeros** in **Ventura**, this is the result.

est country on earth," must sell our homes and work two jobs to feed

earlier than **Americans**, are mature at a younger age.

When asked now about the dream of the states, there is a long pause, usually because of embarrassment, and then the "Well, maybe after the new president," or, "We decided to boycott the **U.S.** because of that illegal invasion," or, "No way, Bro, that place has lost its cool." We didn't find that response encouraging.

Perhaps, maintaining the status quo is not the way to improve our reputation abroad.

In the next issue of the *View*, we would like to share with you the view of the **French** people toward the **U.S.**, its war on terror, its imperialistic moves, and its chance of ever getting good at soccer.

*Respectfully,  
Lawrence and Lori Anderson  
Ojai*



ourselves, while others move to man made islands of oil and gold?

We moved to **France**. **Paris** was once a city where every eighteen year-old dreamt of **New York** and **Los Angeles** as the place to live, have a great job, and see all the good things there are to see in dream land. It's not like that now. The young people of **Europe** open

From: **RONALD SMITH**<rellis39@sbcglobal.net>  
To: **councilmembers@ci.brentwood.ca.us**  
Subject: **Donna Landeros**

Dear councilmembers, My name is **Rellis Smith** I live in **Ventura, Ca**. As you know **Donna Landeros** was the city manager of **Ventura** for a few tumultuous years. The reason for this e-mail is to convey our, my, and many **Ventura** residents sincerest condolences to your city for having **Donna Landeros** as your city manager. If she tries to convince you to install "red light cameras" beware. She convinced the **City Council of Ventura** to implement this program using the **RedFlex Co.** and cost the city immediately close to \$3,000,000. The losses are still mounting because of the contract given to **RedFlex**. She left the **City of Ventura** on much less than a happy note, she threatened the council members against saying anything derogatory against her under penalty of law suit. She also was able to coerce the council into paying her a departure sum of over \$200,000.

*Rellis Smith*

From: Chris Becnel <chris@becnellaw.biz>  
To: **RONALD SMITH** <rellis39@sbcglobal.net>  
Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2008 12:53:13 PM  
Subject: RE: Donna Landeros Mr. Smith:

**Ms. Landeros** has been here for at least three years and has done a fine job.

If you are still going on about her tenure in **Ventura**, you obviously must have some significant "closure" issues.

By the way I looked at the **Ventura Stuff** web site - It told me everything I need to know about you.

*Chris Becnel Council Member  
City of Brentwood*

Thank you for answering my e-mail, I see you have been sufficiently brainwashed by **Donna**, I'm certainly glad you could tell all about me by my web site, I did not know the city of **Brentwood** had a prominent psychologist on staff. The only actual closure issue I have is how many thorny issues **Donna** left when she vacated the premises. I wonder why the city of **Lodi** declined to hire her??

*Rellis Smith, Ventura*



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# Does the Ventura City Attorney Need an Attorney ?

By Frank Pecarich

**D**oesn't anybody check employment history anymore ? Years ago the personnel director for the **Department of the Interior** told me something I didn't forget. He said, "Frank, always make sure you carefully check the employment history and references of an applicant for a job. You'd be surprised how many people don't do a good job of that and rely on the charm and resume of the applicant."

Well, that advice paid off for me over the years and it would appear that the **City of Ventura** needs to have some coaching from that old mentor of mine. The subject at issue is their rather recent hire for **Ventura City Attorney, Ariel Calonne**. In a June 26, 2007 press release, then **Mayor Carl Moorhouse** proudly announced, "After a lengthy search that attracted numerous, well qualified candidates, the **Ventura City Council** is extremely pleased that **Mr. Calonne** will be bringing his legal expertise to our City." **Morehouse** went on to say, "The intensive search process included a peer review panel of attorneys within our community, as well as panel interviews with our **City Council and City Executive Team**. **Mr. Calonne** brings a wealth of experience and leadership in areas of environmental and land use issues, which will be particularly valuable in our city's journey towards becoming a national model of Smart Growth."

Wow, we're thinking, this guy **Calonne** must be good. Moreover, **Morehouse** said that **Calonne** was "vetted" by his peers and panel interviews with the **City Council** and something called the "Executive Team". If **Calonne** passed all that review, he must be A#1, right ?

Well, it turns out that our new **City Attorney Calonne** comes to us serving some sort of probation meted out by the courts in his previous city of employment, **Boulder, Colorado**. That's right; **Ariel Calonne** may actually have a **Boulder-based probation officer** ! That seems like a unique albeit dubious distinction for a **City Attorney**, don't you think ? That wouldn't look good on one's resume, would it ? I, thankfully unaccustomed to such matters, had to do some research on what probation issued as a result of "deferred prosecution" meant. All these unfamiliar words, probation, deferred prosecution... my head was whirling. My public service of 26-years hadn't accustomed me to such delicious irony in an employment situation.

From a rather easy search of the Internet, it turns out that **Ariel Calonne** has on the public record quite an interesting, thought provoking, as well as worrisome, employment history as a **City Attorney**. The trail begins with a stint as **City Attorney in the City of Palo Alto**.

While **City Attorney in Palo Alto, Calonne** won an award for his apparent knowledge of a well known public open meeting law, *the Ralph Brown Act*. However, it turns out that **Calonne** was apparently involved in a fairly major public dust-up involving the **City of Palo Alto's** performance in that very subject -- openness in government. The result was a lawsuit with the **City of Palo Alto** as defendant and the **San Jose Mercury** newspaper and the **Palo Alto Weekly** newspaper as plaintiffs. In a July 4, 2003 issue the **Palo Alto Weekly** captured the story perhaps best.

"... starting in October of last year, Calonne was thrown under a harsh spotlight. The com-

**Who's Watching the Store Over at City Hall ?** -- become known as a civic version of "*Jackass, the Movie*"! Maybe **Ventura City Hall** is well on its way to that title too. But if the **Ventura City Council** would decide to follow the guide of **Palo Alto**, would we need to also employ a "**Non-verbal Communication Violation Officer**"? We don't even have enough money in the city budget these days for our regular police protection, but maybe with some direction from the **City Attorney**, we could get some ideas how a City goes about administering a non-verbal communication code. If anyone should know, it would be **Ariel Calonne**, right? I mean, he was there and in the middle of it.

*plex tale -- which some are speculating led to Calonne's abrupt departure -- began in October when Councilwoman Nancy Lytle made a comment criticizing Calonne's legal advice at a council meeting.*

*That comment, Calonne's subsequent e-mail to the council on the issue, and a private council meeting to discuss the e-mail became the center of two lawsuits against the city by the Weekly and another local newspaper.*

*"I do not deserve to be the subject of abuse in public," Calonne wrote in the e-mail, eventually made public due to the lawsuit. In addition to the comment by Lytle, other council members also broke faith with Calonne by revealing con-*

*tents of the e-mail prior to the lawsuit. The lawsuit contended the City Council violated the state's open government law, an ironic development given that Calonne is considered an expert on the law, known as the Brown Act".*

*Before Calonne "split" Palo Alto -- as we used to say in the 60s -- to become the City Attorney in Boulder, Colorado, the City of Palo Alto had to settle the lawsuit with the two newspapers out of court to the tune of more than \$10,000 total. Some going away gift, huh ?*

*Before we leave the Palo Alto caper, an interesting outcome to the Ariel Calonne -- City Council exchange was reported in an April, 2003 issue of Metro which is described as "Silicon Valley's Weekly Newspaper". The Metro reported that:*

*"The words "getting a facial" may have a whole new meaning in Palo Alto now that the City Council is considering rules of conduct requiring politically correct physical movements of council members. "Do not use body language or other forms of non-verbal methods of expressing disagreement or disgust," including "personal, abusive, disparaging or angry comments, name-calling or labeling," reads one proposed protocol. "Treat others as you would like to be treated," reads another. The new rules have fueled criticism that the peninsula burg is quickly devolving into a civic version of "Jackass, the Movie" following a series of petty, yet all-too-nasty conflicts. There was the furious email penned by City Manager Ariel Calonne over a supposed public slighting by Councilmember Nancy Lytle; and then Councilmember Jack Morton accusing three colleagues--Lytle, Yoriko Kishimoto and Hillary Freeman--of serious criminal wrongdoing; then two separate lawsuits charging the council with violating open meeting laws and demanding that hitherto private emails be shared.*

*Wow, now there's something to aspire to*



Ariel Calonne, Ventura City Attorney

*before trial halting the prosecution of a defendant for up to two years on the condition that he or she successfully meets conditions of probation.*

*But maybe it was explained best by Ariel Calonne's attorney in this City of Boulder matter, Steve Louth, when he said "Calonne is scheduled to receive a yearlong deferred prosecution, meaning that if he stays out of trouble, the charges will be wiped from his record."*

*That statement was from an October 17, 2007 article in Boulder's Scripps Howard newspaper, The Daily Camera. The article went on to explain Ariel Calonne's June, 2007 behavior that had Calonne in court by stating:*

*"Former Boulder City Attorney Ariel Calonne is expected to make a deal with prosecutors Thursday that will clear his record of charges stemming from a falling-out with a neighbor over the summer. Calonne was cited in June for misdemeanor harassment and criminal mischief after his neighbor, Beverly Potter, called police to report he threatened to "kick her ass" if she touched his dog. He also was accused of kicking two sprinkler heads in Potter's yard when she turned them on to get his dog off her property in the 3200 block of 11th Street".*

*The article went further to say, "Included in his punishment is a promise to have no contact with Potter, and to write an apology letter to the community."*

*Oh, and one more thing, the reporter made comment in the article that, "Calonne sold his Newlands neighborhood home in August for \$1,162,500, according to property records. He had lived there since 2004, when he paid \$895,000 for the home."*

*Using these figures my math has Calonne making a gross profit on his Boulder house of \$267,500.*

*"Nice going" we're tempted to say until we remember that the City of Ventura gave Calonne some sort of housing supplement as part*

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# 20 Incontrovertible Truths about Global Warming

## A Comprehensive Look at a Global Challenge

by Alasdair Coyne - Part II of II

**T**he story of global warming is a complicated one. A proper understanding of it requires considering the long-term repercussions of how we are altering the life-sustaining ecological balance of the Earth. Scientists are saying that we must stop the current annual increase in global emissions of climate changing gases in as little as seven years from now.

Meanwhile, life around us goes on as usual – people driving, flying and shopping, all of which contribute to climate change.

There's little indication that the necessary changes will happen in the next seven years.

In the following article, I've outlined twenty points (points nine through twenty this issue) which should be useful as you learn more about global warming. Future articles will focus on some of these points in detail.

Politicians often simply don't know how to respond to climate change. There are some champions out there, but most elected officials haven't taken the time to grasp the importance of the changes to our planet's life support systems that we are causing by our fossil fuel powered lifestyles. Nor do they understand that ignoring the issue is guaranteed to make those coming changes even more severe and permanent.

One important approach is grassroots education. Millions of Americans must absorb enough information about global warming that they begin to reevaluate their priorities, make appropriate changes in their own lives, and demand far-reaching and comprehensive political responses.

People must understand that the web of life that supports them with their food, water and shelter is undergoing such dynamic changes that these things will actually become less available to their children. The lifestyle of the developed world, heavily based on fossil fuels, is not the only way to live on this planet. Climate change requires us to reinvent how we provide the energy for humanity's basic needs – in the next seven years. It's time to start shouting from the rooftops.

*Continued from Part I (the ROSE, April)*

### (11) GLOBAL WARMING REQUIRES US TO QUESTION – AND CHANGE – THE STATUS QUO OF TODAY'S CONSUMER SOCIETY

The cheap oil that society has undoubtedly benefited from over the past decades is coming to an end soon. We've all grown used to cheap transportation, cheap food, cheap

clothing, cheap consumer goods, shipped from across the world to whatever stores we frequent. Cheap oil has given us car-dependent suburbs and big box stores. And relentless advertising has drummed into our heads that buying stuff is the key to happiness.

Most of us would probably agree that the comforts and consumer products of our modern lifestyle in developed countries represent the pinnacle of human evolution.

Now, however, global warming comes along and makes us realize that this is most decidedly not the case. Remember, it's not nature that is the problem here, it is our worldwide intensive use of fossil fuels that is heating up the atmosphere. How we've fueled our lives is simply not sustainable. It's time to change, to see how much less we can use of the available consumer goods that we don't really need.

### (12) WE ARE AT THE THRESHOLD OF A CONSERVATION SOCIETY

From now on, the wasteful and inefficient use of fossil fuels represents an unconscionable contribution to the worsening of global climate change.

Let's look down the road to where global sea levels are rising, devastating storms are both worsening and more frequent, and food is in short supply because of droughts and changing climate.

How are you going to look your children and grandchildren in the eye and apologize to them for not acting earlier to reduce your carbon footprint? For being so busy that you didn't pay attention?

The world we need to build, as soon as possible, is one where our long-term use of resources is tied to our basic needs for food, clothing, shelter and limited personal transportation. Just about everything will be both recyclable and actually recycled.

We won't be buying everything from **China** for very long. This will require us to focus again on "**Made in the USA**," because the fossil fuels required for today's level of international trade will either be unavailable or too expensive, or both. Economies will need to focus largely on local markets.

### (13) THE SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS ON GLOBAL WARMING COULD BE WAY TOO CONSERVATIVE

**The International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)** is a consensus-based organization. This means that its reports are necessarily pretty conservative, because if one or several of the 2,000 scientists on the panel object to a particular sentence in a report as being too strongly worded, they can change it, tone it down.

The IPCC's recommendation that, to avoid the worst excesses of global change, we must by 2050 reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% of 1990's levels, may in fact be too conservative – by far.

What if we find we have to do this in half the time – say by 2025? Taking 50 years to

reconstruct global society is doable, if we all get involved. Finding we have to change drastically at very short notice is more likely a recipe for the collapse of our global civilization. Let me explain.

The IPCC's analysis of global warming chose not to address some important factors, because of the variables and uncertainties involved, according to **James Hansen, the nation's leading climate scientist**, who spoke at UCSB in February 2007. Two of those factors are the rate of melting of the **Greenland and the Antarctic ice sheets**.

Currently, some parts of **Antarctica** are warming while other parts are cooling. It was thought that the **Greenland** ice sheet would take centuries to melt. Now it's melting twice as fast as it was only 5 years ago.

If too much freshwater from ice melt in **Greenland** pours into the **North Atlantic**, it will eventually cause the warm **Gulf Stream** current to stop flowing, which keeps **Northern Europe** at habitable temperatures. Studies have shown that the **Gulf Stream** has in fact stopped in the distant past, and quite abruptly. It's not in our power to turn on a **Gulf Stream** current again, if it quits. While most of the rest of the planet heats up, we'll be looking at **Northern Europe** with its agriculture failing and its people shivering and attempting to migrate south. But that's not all.

Melting the **Greenland** ice sheet will raise the oceans by twenty feet worldwide. That means goodbye to world trade as we know it, right there. Where will the resources come from to rebuild every harbor and port in the world multiple times, eventually to twenty feet higher up? Or to shelter the 300 million people whose homes will be flooded, worldwide, by a permanent twenty-foot sea level increase?

These are examples of "tipping points," where specific conditions change rapidly and irreversibly. Climate change is not a smooth process so much as a set of changes that includes sudden and severe shifts.

A study just published this fall shows that carbon dioxide levels are indeed increasing faster than expected – due both to **China's** continuing industrialization, based on dirty coal-fired power plants, and to the fact that the oceans seem to be absorbing less carbon dioxide than they have up until now.

**The IPCC** not long ago estimated that the **Arctic** would be ice free in summer by around 2100 – but more recent estimates say this could occur around 2013. Things are changing much more quickly than expected.

The long and short of it is that we are unwise to rely on the conservative estimates of where global warming will take our planet. It is only prudent to plan for worse and sooner. Again, that's why you need to get involved, educated and active right now. Time is not on our side.

It's entirely possible that our world, which seems so stable in our everyday lives, could



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change beyond recognition within a lifetime. It's a sobering consideration, to say the least. It's worth working to stop such drastic change from occurring. Our children will definitely thank us for this.

In September 2007, the **International Institute for Strategic Studies** issued a report warning that the effects of unchecked climate change will be catastrophic "on the level of nuclear war."

A recent **IPCC** report on global climate change, issued in mid November 2007, really put the challenge clearly. The global carbon emissions which are still growing in magnitude will have to STOP growing within only seven years from now, and then decrease in magnitude rapidly, to avoid the extinction of up to a quarter of all plant species on Earth.

The **UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon** implored political leaders to enact changes. "If the (IPCC) panel's most severe projection comes through, much of the **Amazon** rain-forest will transform into savannah. These things are as frightening as science-fiction movies. But they are even more terrifying because they are real."

There is no more time for climate change complacency.

**(14) CLIMATE CHANGE WILL BE CONSTANT OVER CENTURIES**

The climate changing effects of a build-up of greenhouse gases in our atmosphere are slow to take place. The storms, droughts and melting ice we are seeing now are tied more closely to the greenhouse gases emitted a decade or so ago than they are to this year's emissions.

The increase in climate change from today's emissions of greenhouse gases will not be apparent for maybe another 20-years. And, as we've seen, global emissions of these gases are still rising. Even if, as needs to happen, these emissions begin to level off and to drop to 1990's levels, hopefully before 2050, their cumulative effects on our climate will still grow.

The **IPCC** says the world's oceans will be rising for 1000 years.

There simply isn't a scenario out there where **Planet Earth** will return to the relatively stable climate of, say, 100-years ago – not for centuries, if ever.

We've already upset the climate balance and set in motion a series of changes that are unstoppable. What we must do is to slow down the rate of change and thereby soften the worst of what is otherwise to come down the road.

Which makes it all the more important to do as much as you can, as soon as possible, to limit greenhouse gas emissions from your way of life.

**(15) POPULATION GROWTH IS A CLIMATE CHANGING FACTOR**

As the world's population grows, and as that population naturally seeks to improve its standard of living, more fuel will be consumed.

Therefore providing both family planning services and education to women in the **Third World** (where most of the popula-

tion growth takes place) is key to addressing global climate change. These two factors have been shown to be vital components of slowing down population growth.

It is also important to provide renewable energy, such as solar power, to help **Third World** inhabitants to develop without relying on fossil fuels. Generally, the poorest of the world's poor are disproportionately affected by climate change, although they contribute almost nothing to it. In fact, 2007's world-wide appeals to the **UN** for food aid were all but one related to climate change.

**(16) THERE IS NO ONE SOLUTION TO GLOBAL WARMING – THE ANSWERS ARE MANY**

There just isn't any one magic formula that will replace fossil fuels in all their multitude of uses, from power generation to heating, from transportation to the manufacture of plastics and fertilizers.

The solutions are and will be many. Solar and wind power can generate electricity for households, but neither is available 24/7. Storage capacity is therefore needed, and being developed. Wave and tide power are useful near the oceans – **Portugal** is aiming for something like 40% of its power from these sources.

More efficient vehicles, more efficient heating and cooling units, more insulation and the like, will all help to lessen the demand for power in the first place. Massive investment and improvements in subways, buses and trains are needed to wean us out of our individual cars.

While corn ethanol production will fuel world hunger as well as vehicles, ethanol from other specific crops, grown on land not currently cultivated, can help to power some vehicles without jeopardizing the world's food supply.

Eating less meat is important, because the amount of grain needed to feed farm animals can directly feed many more people instead. In climate terms, 8 oz of beef steak requires 16 times more fossil fuel input than a dinner of 8 oz rice and 6 oz vegetables. Globally, farm animals now consume one third of the world's grain supply.

And buying less stuff eliminates the energy required to manufacture that stuff and to ship it to you.

**(17) THE EFFICIENT USE OF ALL FUELS IS VITAL**

Efficiency is the closest solution out there to a magic bullet. It is always the cheapest way to reduce fossil fuel consumption – even before installing solar panels and building wind farms. Efficiency alone, over decades, can probably reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 50%. Efficiency programs have the added benefit of not crimping your lifestyle at all.

For instance, **California**, fast-growing in population as it is, has managed to keep the state's electricity usage around the same for the past three decades by conservation and efficiency improvements. Meanwhile, electricity usage elsewhere in the **US** has grown by 50% over the same period.

In early 2006 it was reported that **California** is currently spending \$2 billion on further efficiency measures, which will save \$3 billion in fuel costs, avoid the need to build 3 new large power plants, the equivalent of taking 650,000 cars off the road.

Because of advances in efficiency, electricity only amounts to 20% of **California's** carbon dioxide emissions. For the rest of the **US** the figure is 40%.

To balance the picture, **Californians** drive more than other Americans, leading to 40% of statewide carbon dioxide emissions coming from transportation. For the rest of the **US** the figure is 33%.

Efficiency allows us to do more with less fossil fuels, thereby cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

It is bizarre to realize that it has been our inefficient use of fossil fuels that has led to climate change. This leads us back to oil's supremacy as, until recently, such a cheap, plentiful and versatile fuel. Our way of life on planet **Earth** is now in jeopardy largely because of how much fuel we waste in driving inefficient vehicles, and in using inefficient furnaces to heat homes that are poorly insulated.

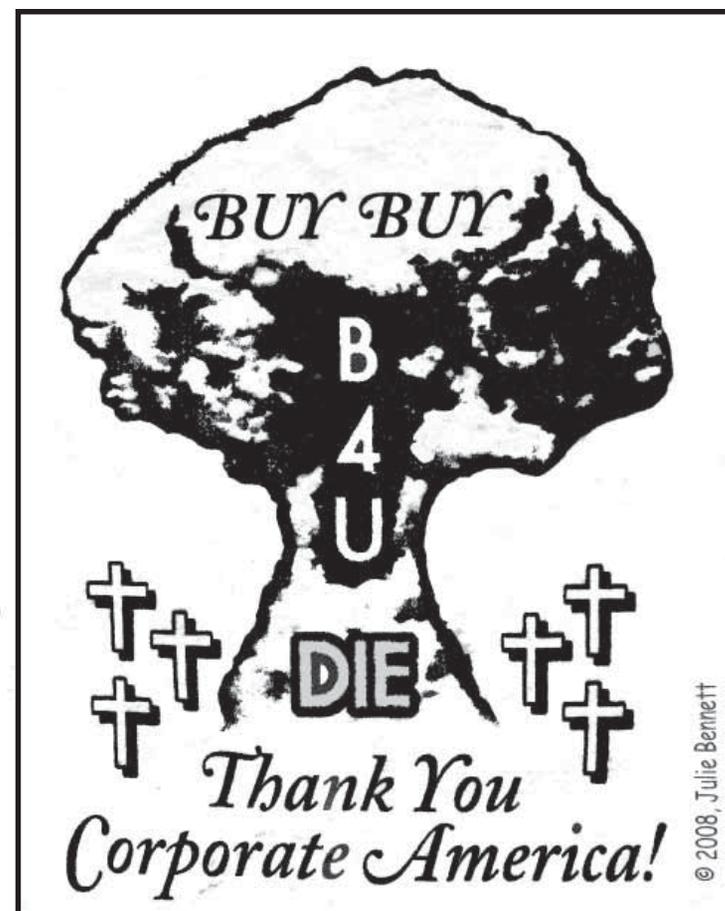
**(18) WE ALREADY HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY TO MOVE AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS**

Though future advances in technology will obviously be of tremendous benefit as we work harder to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions down the road, it is a fact that we do not need any technological breakthroughs to take action now. Without funding nuclear power, corn ethanol or oil from coal tar sands.

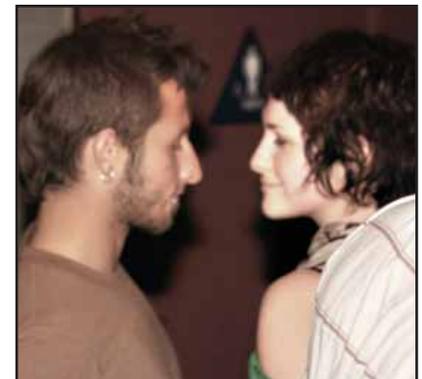
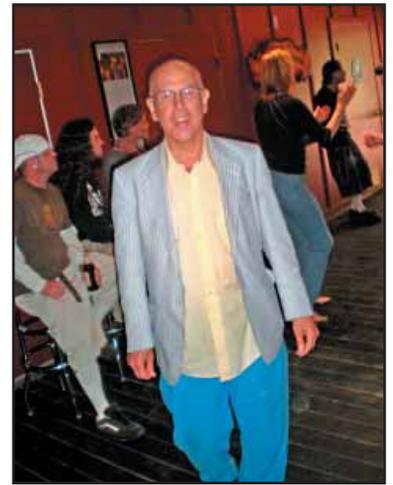
Solar and wind power will come down in price as mass production grows, but we need to be funding and installing renewable energy systems to power homes and factories in towns and cities across the world.

**Germany**, a world leader in this field, has

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# Jax 64th B.D. Bash



*Apple Recording Legend Jackie Lomax celebrated his 64th with a well-deserved birthday bash at Ojai's 'Hub' May 10th with fans and friends. Jackie rocked the house with a mix of blues-rock, offering a special treat with a first performance of his recent Chicago Blues inspired riff, "One Night in Chicago."*

## Farewell to wild 'Thing' of Wild Planet



**Thomas Jeffrey "Jeff" Burroughs 1962 - 2008**  
 Ambassador for Wild Planet • Celebration of Jeff's life  
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*"At the end of California Street the sun is glinting off the Pacific Ocean and Jeff is dancing among the waves. Dance, Jeff, Dance!"*  
 -- Patricia Rodriguez, Oxnard



## Honor the Farm Music Festival



Honor the Farm Music Festival, hosted by the Farmer and the Cook, Steve Sprinkel, April 20th, with special guest, environmental writer Will Allen (right), musicians Jonathan McEuen, Samba Da, Alan Thornhill, Emy Reynolds, and others.

Many others came out to celebrate the conversion of what was formerly the Honor Farm to an organic farm to benefit HELP of Ojai.

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 We've been poisoned since 1867 when they started putting arsenic on all of our food. And in the 1890s arsenic and lead, then cyanide and fluorine and methyl bromide and DDT. The most toxic chemicals are also the ones most used on every crop. they are the chemicals that created the Bhopal disaster and killed 8,000 thousand people in one night and blinded 200 thousand. That's what you're eating. And another thing you're eating on those strawberries is tear gas. You know tear gas.... I always thought strawberries weren't that violent, you didn't really have to suppress them with tear gas. They're using millions of pounds of teargas on strawberries and it's right here in your neighborhood. It's happening right down the street here. 335 lbs of pesticides per acre on strawberries -- bon appetite. More like strawberry short-life, than strawberry short-cake, right? So look, be careful of the food you eat, please. That's why I wrote this book, I wrote it for you guys and for our grand kids, we gotta clean up our food system. Steve and all the farmers that are putting on these kinds of events are trying to do that. I've been lucky to have those guys as my friends for most of my life and thanks for coming."  
 - Will Allen, Apr. 20, 2008  
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of his more than \$200,000 annual pay package. Golly, why was that? Maybe it was **City Manager Rick "King" Cole** whispering into **Calonne's** ear that *he got the City to put up money to buy him a house when he moved here three years ago, so Ariel, why not take advantage of the generosity of the City of Ventura?*

We all know **Ventura** has money to burn, right?

While I was searching the Internet for information on **Calonne**, I ran across a column written in 2005 by **Clint Talbot** at **Boulder's The Daily Camera**. Talbot was asking why, after two years "on the job" and in spite of the fact that **Calonne** was the highest paid city attorney "along the front range including Denver" -- a city 6 times the size of **Boulder**, -- "*Calonne has yet to earn either a raise or a bonus?*"

After journalist **Clint Talbot** chased around for some information about how the **City of Boulder** saw **Calonne's** performance, he finally got some information from the city human resource department where he discovered that "*The city council said Calonne's professional competence 'slightly exceeds' that of a standard performer. But in five of nine categories, City Council members rated Calonne's performance as 'slightly below standard.'*"

So, an overall rating of "*slightly exceeds*" a standard performer but in 55% of the rating factors -- more than half -- he was rated "*slightly below standard*"? What is "*slightly below standard*"? I ask myself. I'm thinking that if a grade of "C" is standard, is a "D" slightly below standard or is it a "D+" or maybe a "C-"? In any event, is this the stuff which warrants **Mayor Carl Morehouse's** laudatory comments at the beginning of this article? I think not...

Further an article dated June 30, 2007, in the **Daily Camera** states, "It's not clear whether being cited for two misdemeanors could have any impact on **Calonne's** legal career. Although he has accepted a new job in **California**, the **City Council** there hasn't yet confirmed his contract, and he hasn't resigned from his **Boulder** post."

The article goes on to say, "**Carl Morehouse, Ventura's mayor, didn't return a call Friday seeking comment about Calonne's brush with the law.**"

So **Carl Morehouse** didn't return the call from the **Boulder** newspaper? Wouldn't you think that he'd be interested in finding out what the future city attorney for **Ventura** had done to warrant this obvious attention? This is the same **Carl Morehouse** who along with his other two cohorts **Christy Weir** and **Bill Fulton** appealed to the **Ventura** electorate last November to "*give them a chance to finish*" what they had started. Hey, I'll vote for that. We sure know who to hold accountable for these fiascos, don't we?

And on that matter of the **City Attorney Ariel Calonne** being on probation until sometime this fall, isn't that special? How does that work? Does he have to check in with a probation officer? Remember **Calonne's Boulder** attorney said if he "stayed out of trouble the charges would be wiped from his record." For some of us in **Ventura**, **Calonne** isn't doing a good job of keeping us out of trouble. Does that count, Mr. Probation Officer?

Many **Ventura** citizens are going to remember his record here, which has already had a questionable start. It is on the advice of **Calonne** that has the **Ventura City Council** apparently believing that their "fee" for the hotly opposed "**call 911**" tax is a fee, and not a tax. As I look at his record, **Calonne** may know something about open meeting law -- even that

is disputable -- but it seems clear that he has no background in tax law. As I talk to top tax attorneys and tax policy CPA's, they are unequivocal that this **Ventura** proposal is in fact a "tax" and not a fee.

But based on the **City Council's** typical stance of "*father knows best and if-he-doesn't-pretend-he-does*", the 911 issue will have to be taken to court to prove they are wrong. And when it does go to court, will "slightly better than average" **Ariel Calonne** represent us? It seems like we get stuck having to pay for all of their mistakes. Like I say, "*who's watching the store over at Ventura City Hall?*" We can and should do better for ourselves...

*Frank Pecarich, Ventura*

## Holy Macaroni... So. Cal Edison

R. Ellis Smith



I was happily perusing my e-mails the other day when I clicked on my **Edison Bill**, (I pay most of my bills on line). You can imagine my surprise when I opened the **Edison** e-mail and it screamed out at me

that my electric bill was \$359.85 for the month.

My first thought was to immediately run helter and schelter throughout the house turning off any electrical appliance that may be sucking up the juice. Then I looked at my previous months bill and saw that it was merely \$109.50. (My daughter had been visiting for the month), I knew I hadn't installed any high energy nuclear equipment and I had long ago removed all my grow lights so something else must certainly be amiss.

I then called the **Edison** customer service number which I located on their website after about 15 minutes of searching and got hold of a customer service agent. I explained my predicament to him and he asked me to go out and read my electrical meter and relate the numbers to him which I did. He put me on hold for a couple of minutes, when he came back he said that the meter reader must have made an erroneous reading the last time he was at my house and he would correct the bill and send me a new one in a couple of days.

I received the corrected bill in two days, fast work on their part. The corrected bill changed the amount due from \$359.85 down to \$72.16. Now that's a difference of \$287.69, pretty good chunk. It got me to thinking, what about the folks that let the different companies pay their bills automatically? What about the elderly widow that simply pays the bill without question? How much extra money do these large corporations make off erroneous bills? I know for sure I have never received a bill with a total amount that was in my favor.

The moral to this story is, never simply pay the bill as it is presented, always, I mean always, check out what is happening. You never know how you're getting the shaft.

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## Humane Society

### "A Friend for a Friend"



The **Humane Society of Ventura County** has created an innovative program for people looking to adopt a cat or kitten during June. Whenever a cat or kitten is adopted, the shelter in **Ojai** will "double" the offer by giving a second cat or kitten for free. This includes all vaccinations plus spay or neutering.

"Cats are very friendly in groups, especially two kittens from the same litter," states **Jolene Hoffman, Shelter Director**.

"In June we see many kittens given away due to over breeding. This way someone can have two wonderful pets and the animals receive a loving home."

Every spring and summer, the **Humane Society Shelter** receives dozens of litters of kittens. These kittens are in addition to all the adult cats that find their way into the shelter. Animal shelters don't have the space or the resources to take care of that many animals. Out of the millions of cats who enter shelters each year, only about one in four are adopted into loving homes. In fact, most of them -- more than 70 percent of them -- must be euthanized if left at public shelters. The **Humane Society of Ventura County** is a no-kill shelter and finds home for all its animals.

"This is one of the reasons "**Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat**" was begun, to help find more homes and save more cats and kittens," explains **Hoffman**.

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## Ojai Farmer's Market Photos



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**Mimi Milne** and her 'Chocolat', **Craig and Dawn Smith** (brother and sister) and their dad **Vatala "Rock Eagle" Smith** (of the **Ojibwa Indian Tribe**), **Ned the Minstrel** and the "Cheese Man".

Ojai Vintage Car Cruise



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*Is the City of Ventura for Lease to the Highest Bidder? Is it for Sale? This sign sitting inside the old (now vacant) Carrows parking lot, at the Northbound 101 onramp to California Street, seems to be selling Ventura. The sign, according to 'City Hall', is owned by Ventura's mega-real estate investment and management company The Becker Group. Truly a "Sign" of the times -- big investment co's buying the centers of our "historic" towns and 'Mom & Pop' becoming increasingly scarce.*



Tom the Tire Man



*Ojai Vintage Car Cruise Night, April 25th (held each 4th Friday of the month) in the Regals parking lot. Ford T-Bucket, circa 1923, (above), George Sapia and his Australian "Stewart Ute" (left), Dwayne Bower and his '49 Ford Coupe (built flathead V-8, dual carbs and headers - below).*

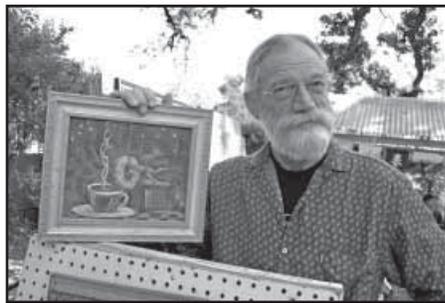
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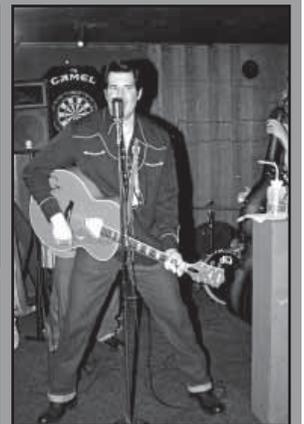
Checkin' Out the Cool Art at Ojai House



*Ojai House' 2nd Weekend Art Show Event - (304 N. Montgomery Street) Ken "Kenny" Milton (far left) and his Crafty Palm masks, Meg Goodwin, Simone Turner, Diane Steele (left), Carmen Albelleira-White (below), Ted Campos (lower left), and Simone Turner shows off her "tea time" mirror. Next show - the weekend of June 14 & 15. info: ojaihouse.com*



*King Creole's Mitch King (top right), revs up Ventura's San Souci Jeff and Shannon (above) keep the entertainment on tap.*



*Jesterin' DJ Olde Toby turns up the heat for Ojai art revelers.*

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*April Hendrix (left) belted out soulful blues for locals at Ojai's Movino's with Kirk Maxon, bass (Blue Stew), Randy Kizer, drums.*

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## Studio Artists Scholarship Recipients

All Former Scholarship Recipients Welcome to May 24 Reception and Award Ceremony.

Eleven Ojai arts students have been named the 2008 Ojai Studio Artists Scholarship recipients. Selected from a wide variety of submissions, jurying was by OSA members. The scholarships are an ongoing program to recognize talented young people and help them continue their education. OSA has bestowed over \$135,000 in scholarships the last sixteen years.

As an ongoing celebration of OSA's 25th Anniversary, the group is extending an open invitation to all former scholarship winners to attend the award ceremony. A number of the past winners will be on hand to speak about what art has meant to their lives and how these scholarships have helped them on their journey.

A reception honoring the students will be held on May 24 at the Ojai Valley Museum from 6 to 8 PM, as part of the "Made in Ojai VI" exhibition. Public is welcomed to the reception. Winning submissions will be on exhibit along with the annual spring show by OSA members. Exhibition runs May 1 through June 15.

Following are the winners and the type of scholarship they were awarded: Anna Mae Reeser - the Virginia Hoadley Scholarship Award, Zachary Deneen - John Farnham Scholarship Award, Wyatt Amend - Vivika Heino Scholarship Award, Celeste Evans - Beatrice Woods Scholarship Award, Katya Welborn - Horace Bristol Scholarship Award, Kathryn Barron - Nancy Rupp Scholarship Award, Lacey Clemens - Elaine Rogers Scholarship Award, John Loughman - Ojai Studio Artists Award, Lindsay Collier - Ojai Studio Artists Award, Colleen McDougal - Ojai Studio Artists Award, Anita Hendricks - Ojai Studio Artists Award.

Kathleen Kaiser, Ojai Studio Artists  
Kathleen@kathleenkaiser.com

## ART EVENT MAY 24 & 25

Art in the Park - 31st Annual  
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info. 646-0117

## LETTER

### Traffic Lights Flashing

- Al Westcott, Ojai

Today is May 5, 2008. Yesterday I paid \$3.89 for a gallon of gasoline. In the days of Henry VIII, Kings and Queens had fools and jesters to keep them amused. Today politicians have voters.

Like every "We The People" in America that operates a car, truck, motorcycle, hedge trimmer, moped, scooter, string trimmer, boat, lawnmower, or anything else that has a gasoline driven motor, I am tired of paying over-inflated gasoline prices. More importantly, I'm tired of complaining about paying over-inflated gasoline prices!

While we continue to ask politicians and other practical jokers to find relief from the gasoline strangle hold, "We The People" must find alternatives to our personal waste of gasoline ... and we must do it - say it with me - immediately!

As we wait for the politicians and big oil companies to justify high prices (that is to say justification that they think we will believe) we all must take the bull by the tail and face the situation! Whether you live in Ojai, Baltimore, Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles, Denver or Podunk, after about 9 PM at night - local time - your streets are pretty well empty of cars.

So, here's the idea..... where safe and practical -

put traffic lights on 'flash' mode from 9 PM until 6 AM. This will do several things for America, all of which are positive.

- Number One: America will not waste millions of gallons of gasoline.
- Number Two: Americans will not waste millions of their hard earned dollars buying gasoline. Admittedly it's not much but by the end of a year I bet you could save \$10. If you are thinking "ten bucks, big deal", then please send me a \$10 check to my attention, PO Box 492, Ojai 93024. Thanks!
- Number Three: America will become a little less dependent on foreign oil. It will curb our dependence on the middle-east turban-headed nations, the multi-national oil producing organizations, and the diminutive Dictator in Venezuela who use oil as a tool of political despotism and financial terrorism against America, our values, and the American way of life.
- Number Four: Flashing traffic lights will send a visible signal to those who would do America harm. It will tell them that we stand united as a nation against any nation, group or organization of terrorists that conspire against America, our values, and the American way of life.

If you want to make this happen here's what you can do. Send an email to as many people as you can and simply ask them to write to their city council member, mayor, county commissioner or whoever it is that makes these decisions in their community and tell them to make the traffic lights flash at night. If any elected official is unwilling to help us out - or if they come up with an excuse as to why flashing traffic lights are impractical - SIMPLY DO NOT VOTE FOR THEM EVER AGAIN. If politicians will not make traffic lights flash they are clearly against us, therefore, they must have some hidden agenda that is tethered to the oil industry! I'd be interested in seeing just how many Senators own oil company stock.

The good news is that in an effort to help the economy the government is sending 'We The Taxpayers' some of our own money back in the form of an "economic stimulus" check to encourage spending. At the rate gas prices are going up, my "economic stimulus" check should be just about enough to buy enough gasoline to drive to the bank to cash it!

Al Westcott, Ojai

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## LETTER

### The Naked Truth

- Earth Friend Jen

Hello everyone! I just moved up to lovely Ashland, Oregon and my life is a dream coming true! I am happier, healthier, and better than ever... and I just keep on improving! How about you? I am meeting conscious and grateful folks everywhere I go! How about you? I am the master of my destiny and the lord of my life. This world does not define me. I DEFINE MYSELF! Stick around boys and girls... seeing is believing and believe me you soon shall see what I mean! Yippee! I love being free! My life is busting with abundance! I already have a wonderful job at an exquisite French cafe, and earth-friendly business opportunities are EVERYWHERE. There are many things I loved about Ojai, but the main reason I left is, Ojai is not conscious enough. Many do not realize how poisoned the air and water are and that RIGHT NOW, they are poisoning things in Ojai even more! L.A. is a cancerous tumor that just keeps on spreading. L.A. is a disease. There are wonderful folks and functions in L.A., but L.A. as a whole is an abomination, just like every other unsustainable sector of the system. Ashland has outlawed the mass spraying of pesticides! Did you know they are spraying pesticides/poison from the sky across California? Did you know that they are spraying over Ojai? Do you know that pesticides (like perfumes and artificial scents) are neurotoxins that make you numb and dumb until you get sick and die? Just like the bugs. Actually, bugs are more adaptable than most humans, and all the pesticides/poisons are collecting in YOUR GROUNDWATER. THANKS MOM AND DAD! Thanks for having the courage and compassion to really care about the future of your children. All Life is innerconnected and sacred. The

Native American Indians were right. Karma is coming quickly for America. Those who put the right things first and live by: Intent, Word, Action, Love, and Light: Truth+Love+Light=God=Life, shall handle the changes and evolve. But those who hold onto old books and old ways without adapting to the NOW, shall become extinct just like the dinosaurs. It is time to wake up, Old Dinosaur Man! Your time is up, my friend. You have served your purpose and now it is time to Galvanize the Goddess!

Everyone, let's all start having Goddess Gatherings! Move over male-bonding... Here come Goddess Gatherings!!! Women have the wombs and the womb is the Holy Grail... the Holy Vessel of Life! I have so much to share... all the love and light in existence. I have tapped into the sacred geyser of life and I found it within myself! We are God comprehending itself and all these things that have been done, you can do, and more! We are the one's we've been waiting for! Power to the Peaceful!

Genuinely, Jennifer Moss  
EarthFriendJen

P.S. I love you all and will be making surprise visits with my posse of Peaceful Pasty People: Pasties for Peace! Enjoy Leland, corrupt cops, and hypocrits! We cannot be stopped! The Pasty Peace Parade is coming soon!



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already reduced its overall carbon dioxide emissions by 18%, by investing in efficiency and renewables.

**Frito-Lay** is currently doing a green retrofit of a factory in **Casa Grande**. When completed in 2010, its use of water and electricity will have been reduced by 90% and its use of natural gas by 80%. The goal at the **Casa Grande** factory is eventually to be “net zero” in carbon dioxide emissions. 50 acres of solar concentrator mirrors will be installed behind the factory, to heat water to 500° F to power a steam generator. Since 1999, **Frito-Lay** has reduced its water use company-wide by 38%, its natural gas use by 27% and its electric consumption by 21%, saving \$55 million a year in utility bills.

**Adam Steiner, head of the UN Environment Program** states that “*stabilization of emissions can be achieved by deployment of a portfolio of technologies that exist or are already under development.*”

What is needed, then, is the political will power, backed by widespread public support and adequate funding.

The costs may seem high. A **UN Conference** in September 2007 recommended the dedication of \$200 billion a year in additional funding to reduce the growth in carbon dioxide emissions.

But compare the cost of our **war in Iraq**. A **UCSB** professor recently calculated that for the price of the **Iraq War**, solar power could have been installed on every home in the US. Are we going to go to war over oil again and again? Or, are we going to elect leaders that will quickly, meaning in the next few years, lead us away from fossil fuels, their increasing costs and the climate change they create? Renewable energy provides real energy independence.

**(19) EVENTUALLY GLOBAL RESPONSE WILL RISE TO THE CHALLENGES OF GLOBAL WARMING**

What’s holding up faster and more wide-ranging action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is the still shallow response by most politicians. As public awareness grows and as climate change conditions worsen, it is inevitable that eventually the public clamor for appropriate action will reach the primacy of place on the political agenda that it should already hold today. What is not clear is how much further damage to climate stability will be inflicted by that point, by ongoing, wasteful greenhouse gas emissions between now and then.

The fact that politicians are not yet wide awake to the threat to our future that is posed by climate change, is probably because so many of them are still more disposed to protect automobile and oil industry corporate profits, than to provide for the needs of the **American** people when the survival of their way of life hangs in the balance.

It also helps to think in terms of ecological systems, which most politicians are not trained to do. It won’t be possible to protect every segment of our global consumer society as we shift to a simpler life-style powered by renewable energy. Further delaying our response to climate change will only result in more drastic instability in the climate and the economy.

**Congressman John Dingell (D-Michigan), chair of the House’s Energy & Commerce Committee**, has for years refused to consider meaningful increases in passenger car miles-per-gallon standards, thus guaranteeing a massive flow of inefficient vehicles onto our nation’s highways. He certainly hasn’t been thinking or acting with global climate change in mind.

Our choice is to act aggressively as soon as we can, or to be forced to adjust more drastically to worsening climate change later on. I think there’s a valid analogy here to how **British and American** civilians rallied behind their national war efforts in **WWII**. An adequate response to global climate change requires the mass of the population to support efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions: the focus of research and manufacture on the mass production of the necessary equipment – in this case, mainly solar and wind power and improvements in efficiency; a nationwide commitment to frugality and the conservation and recycling of resources; increased production of food in home “**Victory Gardens.**” If we don’t move fast enough, someday we are also likely to be faced with the rationing of fossil fuels.

Where this wartime analogy becomes invalid, though, is in the lack of an external “enemy” to fight. The enemy in a changing climate is

our past and present wasteful use of cheap fossil fuels.

**(20) AN EMERGING SPIRIT OF GLOBAL COOPERATION HAS THE POTENTIAL TO UNITE THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH AS NEVER BEFORE**

Imagine a world, in the near future, where people in all countries are working in their own ways to reduce and adjust to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. This is more than just a dream – it’s vital that we make it happen.

As changing weather patterns reduce the rainfall that agriculture and cities depend on, we’re going to be struggling as never before to feed the world’s people. And to protect coastal cities from rising sea levels. And to rebuild areas devastated by hurricanes. And to house mass migrations of people. At some point the resources won’t be available to do the above and to maintain the enormous cost of the military-industrial complex that the **US** now supports. It is also important that we elect leaders who won’t go to war to maintain oil industry profits.

Either the military-industrial complex will have to transform to develop and produce the peaceful energy technologies that are needed to combat climate change, or it will wither away from withdrawn funds. By popular demand.

Beyond that, the level of global goodwill that will develop and grow between peoples working on the same issue – global warming – all around the world, will lessen the ability of aggressive politicians to determine the “other,” a necessary prerequisite to war. With global climate change, we are all in the same boat.

Interestingly, a mass global popular response to climate change has the potential to unite humanity as never before, moving away from intensive, inefficient energy consumption to a world powered safely by renewable energy – a kind of energy that’s comparatively decentralized and highly unlikely to lead to wars. A world focused on slowing climate change will also be a world with less and less air and water pollution.

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of a New Age. But it’s not going to happen while we sit back – we have to make it happen. Starting now. Bearing in mind that the global environment is likely to change in drastic and unpredictable ways in the coming years.

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## MICRO-MUTT MADNESS

by Janet McNeil, D.V.M.

There is a sad tendency to see animals as accessories. Mind you, this trend started centuries ago with the invention of “arm-dogs” among the affluent classes in China and other locals. These dogs generally had no vocation other than being seen and perhaps supplying warmth for their owners. This trend has been brought to a boil industry-wise (or deterioration, depending on your point of view) with the purse-dog trend. As per usual, this boost to the economy (Pet industry being the 2nd fastest growing sector) has some unfortunate fallout. These micro dogs are fraught with health problems: hydrocephalus, collapsing tracheas, luxating patellas, dental disorders, neurological deficits, and eye problems among others. They are often too fragile to be children’s pets, and many are seen for broken bones from being dropped or stepped on. Owners frequently fail to notice these are dogs and ignore their training and socialization needs as they are too busy acquiring accessories. Heaven know the rhinestone industry has surely pulled out of it’s slump. Panicked little dogs don’t do well at the veterinary office, dog parks, or grooming. They also don’t play well with big dogs, no matter how cute it is. Their tiny size makes it extremely difficult to perform emergency procedures. A recent attempt to save the life of a tiny Chihuahua involved having to improvise a trachea tube from a tomcat urinary catheter and place it in the trachea with an otoscope (used for looking in ears) because the mouth was too small to see where to go otherwise. The equipment most veterinary offices have on hand is not intended for dogs under 2 lb. Flea medications may not come in sizes small enough for dogs under a certain weight, and many medications have to be compounded to have accurate dosing at these tiny sizes. Veterinarians who deal with pocket pets and birds probably are more equipped to intubate and catheterize mouse-size dogs. Take-home lesson #1: If you chose to get a micro dog, be prepared for higher costs in acquisition and care. Be sure your Veterinarian is prepared. Likewise, be prepared for a short life. Extremes of size have their price.

Janet McNeil, D.V.M., Ojai

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“There are many wonderful reasons to have a couple of cats in your home, most importantly, they can reduce your blood pressure and help prevent heart disease.”

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- Cats are easy to house train, especially adult cats, who are probably already house

## EXTREME SPORT OF DOG WALKING

by Mary M. Long

People in every culture participate in various activities to experience that adrenaline rush called legal high. Here in suburbia the favorite sport in my neighborhood is the Sunday walk-in-the-dog exercise. When O.P. (my red merle **Australian Shepherd**) throws her leash at me in response to the query ‘wannagoforwalk?’, I know it’s time to suit up for a stroll through the neighborhood gauntlet. I grab for my six foot leather leash and choke chain, while my dog dances in circles, eager to be out the door and on to the great outdoors. None of those politically correct, harnesses, or fishing reel leashes for us! Tennis shoes, leash, poopie bag, pepper spray... anything I’ve forgotten? Making a left turn heading down to the park, we’re prepared for anything. Aha... there’s the sign at the park declaring that all dogs must be leashed. Hmm.... comforting.... does anyone read it? I fall into the category of people who walk to train, so heart in hand we turn onto the “turf” known as **Sarazotti Park**. The first thing we see is dogs running loose at the park, with owners in complacent acceptance of their complete lack of control. Well I think, surely most of these dogs have had obedience training and surely their owners must have a reliable recall on their dogs to let them run at liberty. Giving my dog the command, “O.P. heel,” I am shocked to see a black lab racing toward my dog trailing a leash with its red-faced owner in hot pursuit. I yell (dog training 101A) “control your dog”. Smug, at my educated response, I’m horrified to see the dog keep coming. I yell again, only to have the owner respond “oh he’s friendly”. Oh great, what about my dog; did you bother to ask if it’s ok with me??? What dog trainer has promoted the idea that every dog you pass has to evoke the privilege of butt sniffing and tail wagging introductions. I don’t greet everyone I pass with a big hug, why should my dog? The out-of-breath owner finally arrives at the now mess of swirling dog bodies with a lame “excuse me” to which I uncharitably reply, “lady there is no excuse for you”, as I try to extricate myself from a tangle of leashes (was that my knee I heard go “pop”?). As the chagrined owner of the lab reaches for the leash, the errant pooch, ecstatic on the heady intoxication of freedom takes

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off again, leash trailing, straight out into the traffic lane. Screeching tires, the dog makes an evasive u-turn and disappears out of sight, with his owner panting along behind. Now feeling rather sorry

for the Lab’s owner, I decide to finish my walk with a tour of the park before returning home. Praising my dog for a well executed “sit,” I realize that suddenly she is on the doggie equivalent of **Red**

**Alert**. Honing in on us are not one, but two **West Highland Terriers**. Like furry white missiles, they are making a beeline straight for my dog who now breaks her “sit” and leaps in front of me to defend her owner. “Behind me mom, I can handle this!” says O.P. Not to be outdone, I ratchet up a notch in dog-

gie defense and decide to follow dog psych.101A, i.e. to be more aggressive than the attackers. I leap in front of my dog and shout “NO”, and then “would someone please call their dogs”? My query is met with resounding silence, so I try again, “would someone please call their dogs”? By now I’m struggling with two **off leash Westies** and one **Australian Shepherd** who is being

corrected for something that is no fault of her own. “What’s up lady...what’s your problem?”, comes a sarcastic voice from the park picnic table area. Suddenly.... I am the one explaining that off leash dogs are prohibited in the Park and I am being verbally attacked by the own-

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# THE LEASHES END

by Ron Rowe

Ojai, finally has a dog park, thanks to so many volunteers who gave of their time and money. The dog park is located at **Seoul Park** off **Boardman Road**. Parking costs are 2 dollars on weekdays and 4 dollars on weekends, with \$55, for annual passes, which are only \$25 for seniors. Hope to see you there with your pet.

Progress is being made slowly but surely in eliminating animal cruelty. **The Humane Society's** double rewards, offered for information leading to the arrest and prosecution of animal fighters and animal abusers, are paying off. They have intensified raids on cockfighting all over **California**.

The no battery eggs campaign won another major victory when **Compress Group**, the world's largest food service provider, stopped using eggs from caged hens for its 7500 clients. This new policy will replace 48 million eggs laid by hens in tiny battery cages, with eggs from a cage free environment, improving the welfare of more than 200,000 chickens. Next, the dogfighting laws need to be tougher, raised to felony charges. Since the **Michael Vick's** case came to light states are beginning to increase penalties for dogfighting.

Pets of **Bel-Air** are famous for their glitzy and movie clientele. Now they have a new notoriety -- a recent investigation linked it to mass breeding puppy mills in the **Midwest**. Sadly, these puppies are kept in inhumane conditions, the mothers treated as assembly-line product units. **The Humane Society** has investigated these puppy mills in **Virginia**, with dogs being raised in filthy ramshackle trailers, no clean water or veterinarians service being provided. These puppy mills churn out over two to 4 million puppies a year, most of them with medical problems. If you want puppy mills to be closed down, don't buy puppies from pet shops, adopt a dog from a shelter or buy from a reputable breeder, visit [www.HumaneSociety.org/pupmills](http://www.HumaneSociety.org/pupmills) for more information.

**Dolphins Spirit of Hawaii** have a new schedule for 2008. If you are interested in swimming in the ocean with dolphins or whales along with humpback whales **Call 800-874-8555**, for information. A great new book out called, *Thanking the Monkey*, rethinking the way we treat animals by **Karen Dawn**, a must read for all animal lovers. Visit [www.thankingthemonkeys.com](http://www.thankingthemonkeys.com).

Did you know that alligators never get sick? New research by **Lancia Darville Louisiana State University** shows alligators have torn limbs from fights and scratches that are exposed to the bacteria in the water, yet they never get infected. When researchers exposed alligator and human blood samples to 23 types of bacteria the alligator blood killed them all, the human blood destroyed only eight. Now scientists are trying to figure out how they get this super immune system.

A new report on the global warming impact on **American** wildlife has prompted traditionally conservative sportsmen groups to rush for more action on climate change. The wildlife institution found that, by centuries end, warming would wipe out elk and deer in the **West**, trout would vanish from **Midwest** streams, and most of the nation's waterfowl would disappear.

Busy working professionals and executives are choosing to rent pets, rather than own them. A **California** company called **Flexpetz** offers a unique alternative to full-time pet ownership. They have branches in most major US cities, renting out dogs for \$39.95 a day, with a \$75 surcharge if the dog is returned late. One **New York urologist** said, "I can take it out for walks, but I don't have to worry about it being alone all day." Ah well, that's not for me. I prefer a full-time canine companion. I wonder if they will have rent a wife or husband next?

I have heard of dogs eating golf balls, plastic toys etc., but a full length leather coat? **Russian Vladimir Remezow** bought his wife, **Lena**, a new leather coat, deciding to make it a surprise for her birthday. He hung it in her closet. When he opened the closet on her birthday the next day to show **Lena** the new coat, no coat, it had gone. The same day their dog, **Gordena** fell sick and collapsed on the floor, rushing him to the veterinarian an X-ray revealed the coat inside the dog. When the veterinarian lifted the dog's tail to take his temperature, there was a piece of the coat sticking out off the dogs rear. The dog survived, **Vladimir** bought his wife a new coat. No one knows how the dog could have survived with a large leather coat inside him but he did.

Did you know, Sea horses mate for life? If one dies, the survivor will never seek another mate.

Time to ponder on the words of St. Francis of Assisi, who wrote,

*If you have men who will exclude any of gods creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal like wise with their fellow men.*

Peace to all beings on earth.

Your comments are welcome  
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## EXTREME DOG WALKING Continued from Page 16...

er who seems to think that his two dogs have a right to the run of the park. Beating a retreat directly to the Office, I inform the official that there are two out-of-control, off leash dogs harassing other park users. The official looks uncomfortable and says "yes we know, we've had other complaints". Well, I demand, why don't you enforce the lease laws...? He looks embarrassed and says that off leash dogs at the park are a big problem and the lack of responsibility on the part of some dog owners was pretty amazing. He then tells me about one soccer mom who was turning her dog loose during soccer practice so that it could get some exercise. Now feeling thoroughly defeated (is there something on my shoe?) that nobody is enforcing either the city leash laws or the Park code, I decide to call the Sheriff. I am informed that the only enforcement at present is that any loose dog is subject to being impounded as a stray. Cheered by the fact that the new off leash dog park will be opening soon, (at least then I can hope for confined anarchy) we head home for more study on the loose dog problem in Ojai and how to deal with it. More coming on the hazards of dog walking in the next issue.....

Mary M. Long, Ojai

### LEASH LAWS PERTAINING TO OJAI

#### Sec. 5-4.501. Leash law.

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It shall be unlawful for any person to suffer or permit any dog owned, harbored, or controlled by him to be on any private property in the City without the permission of the person owning or occupying such private property. (§ 2, Ord. 422, eff. April 23, 1971)

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It shall be unlawful for any person owning or having the possession of any animal to permit it to be at large without reasonable control or to be pastured or kept upon any street or other public place or upon any private property against the wishes of the owner or occupant thereof or in any manner or place to the injury of the owner or occupant of any other property. (§ 2, Ord. 422, eff. April 23, 1971)

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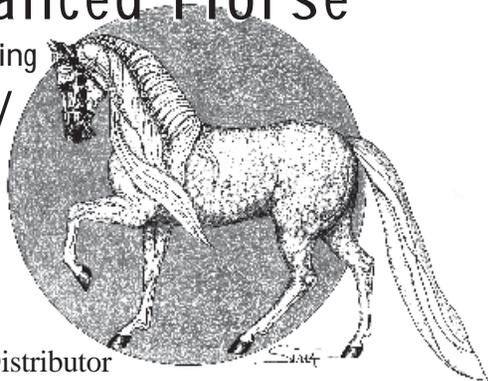
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**INTERVIEW: MARTHA DAVIS - THE MOTELS**

**Mary M. Long**

On Sunday, May 4th, we caught up with **Martha Davis** of **The Motels** after she entertained the crowds at the **St. Thomas Aquinas Family Festival**. Stopping by on her way to play at **Crash Mansion** in **Los Angeles**, Martha performed in Ojai as a favor to her agent **Jim Lenz (Paradise Artists)** and because she has a special affinity for the area, being a former resident of Ventura County. Local “unofficial living legend” **Jimmy Calire** dropped by to say hello to Martha during our interview and said that his son **Mario Calire** (former **Motel’s** band member) sends his greetings!

Martha has recently moved to Oregon, which she says she absolutely loves. She is well known for her love of all animals, currently housing four dogs, nine cats and she is busy constructing digs for soon-to-be family member **Francais Bacon Pig**. Martha is hoping to add some horses to her animal collection and informed me that her daughter is a trainer of Thoroughbred horses in the Hunter/Jumper industry in Oregon.

Dressed in black jeans and a cowboy hat Martha is sporting a different look than in her early “punk” days, but she continues to rack up a lifetime of song writing/singing with three new DVD’s released at once. Her long awaited children’s album is also soon to be released, after being in the works for over eight years. When asked about her ability to put into music her life experiences in a continu-

ally haunting and affecting way, Martha says “I’m lucky, very very lucky.”

The Davis family is Welsh in origin and their culture was to sing, play and tell their history in song. Martha says that she recently was given a tape of her grandparents celebrating Christmas in 1941. How did they celebrate Christmas? By singing, of course. “No wonder I do what I do,” says Martha, “song writing is a gift but it’s also in my blood.” “I’m not religious, but I’ve had these experiences when I just sit down with my guitar and the song is just ‘there.’ Only the Lonely was just like that. It just flowed out of my guitar and into music.” Martha says she is always writing, always moving onto the next project, always performing. She’s now just starting an album called *Cassiopeia*, which she says is light and happy, unlike most of her music which can be a bit “dark.” *Cassiopeia* will be “a bit of a romp.”

Sounds like a reflection of Martha’s life: happily living the rural lifestyle in Oregon, she continues to do what it is in her blood to do. As she says... I’m lucky, very very lucky. We’re lucky too, Martha, thanks for coming to Ojai!!

*Martha’s new work is available for download at the official **MOTELS** website*

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# Spring into ‘Fun’



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*The Motels featuring Martha Davis, Eric Gardner, Drums, Clint Walsh, Guitar, Jon Siebels, Bass performing classics ‘Suddenly Last Summer’, ‘Total Control’, ‘Only the Lonely’ and lots of great new material at the St. Thomas Aquinas Family Festival. Martha Rocks!*



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- **May 22nd/8pm - Collin Hay @ Soho, 1221 State St.** (info. 962-7776)
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- **May 24th/4-8pm - Al Westcott @ Bodee's/Ojai, 3304 Maricopa Hwy.** (info. 646-5300)
- **May 24nd - BeachSide Stranglers @ San Souci/Vta, 21 S. Chestnut** (info. 643-4539)
- **May 24th/8pm - Chris Pierce & Sonia Leigh @ Zoey's/Vta, 451 E. Main**

- (info. 652-1137)
- **May 24th - Preachers Blues Band @ Jester/Ojai, 139 E. Ojai** (info. 640-8001)
- **May 28th/8pm - Rickie Lee Jones @ Soho, 1221 State St.** (info. 962-7776)
- **May 29th/6pm - The Cure @ Santa Barbara Bowl, 1122 N. Milpas** (info. 568-2695)
- **May 30th/8pm - AM & Syd @ Zoey's/Vta, 451 E. Main** (info. 652-1137)
- **May 30th/8pm - Jackie Payne & Steve Edmondson Band @ Montecito Country Club, 920 Summit Rd. (Lobero box info. 963-0761)**
- **May 30th - Floater Six @ San Souci/Vta, 21 S. Chestnut** (info. 643-4539)
- **May 31st/8pm - Jim Bianco & Joey Ryan @ Zoey's/Vta, 451 E. Main** (info. 652-1137)
- **May 31th - Bad ego Trip @ San Souci/Vta, 21 S. Chestnut** (info. 643-4539)
- **May 31st/9pm - The Mother Hips & Mama's Cookin' @ Soho, 1221 State St.**

- (info. 962-7776)
- **June 1st/7:30pm - The Voyces @ Zoey's/Vta, 451 E. Main** (info. 652-1137)
- **June 1st/4-8pm - Al Westcott @ Full of Beans/Ojai, 11534 N. Ventura Ave** (info. 640-8500)
- **June 6th/8pm - Franklin for Short @ Zoey's/Vta, 451 E. Main** (info. 652-1137)
- **June 8th/7:30pm - Jonathan McEuen and band @ Soho, 1221 State St.** (info. 962-7776)
- **June 14th/2pm - Catwalk w/special guests @ Buffalo Records, 105 S. Oak St./Vta,** (info. 648-3345)
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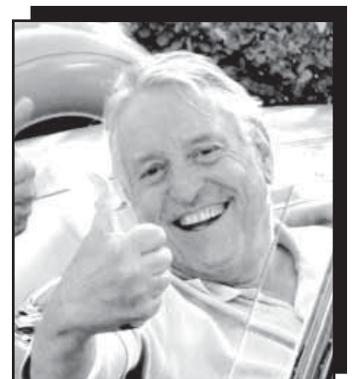
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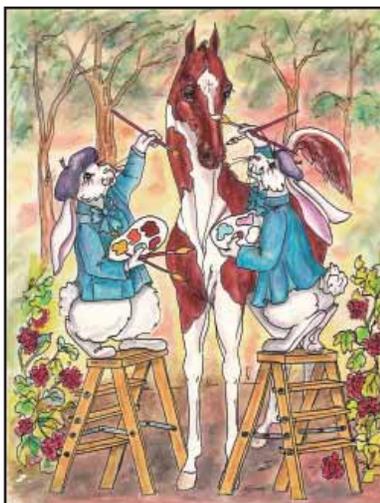


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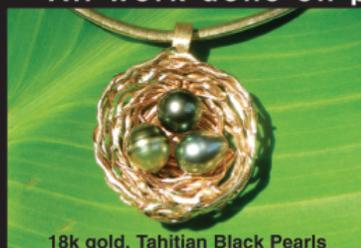
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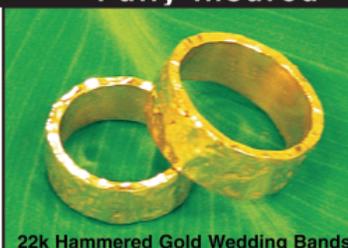


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