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# VIEW



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## Ojai "YES" Man Sez ZILCH Stonewalls The VIEW!

**NEW OJAI CITY MANAGER**  
Rob Clark Fails To Answer  
*City Stands in Support of  
Illegal Search & Seizure by  
Code Enforcement ?*

### Citizens Losing More Rights

SUBJECT: re: Ojai Public Speaking/Code Enforcement Activities  
FROM: editor@ojaiandventuraview.com  
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Thurs., April 14, 2011  
Rob Clark, Ojai city manager, clark@ci.ojai.ca.us  
RE: Ojai Public Speaking/Code Enforcement Activities  
Mr. Clark,

I understand Brian Meadows, Ojai building official & code enforcement officer, made an unannounced visit to Ojai citizen and State Farm Insurance agent Bob Daddi's home yesterday morning at approximately 9:30am.  
As you may recall, during the Ojai City Council  
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## Farewell Sonia



## OJAI VFW Post Commander Seeks Support

- Dan Lopez

Dear Editor,  
The VFW is asking for your support with funds and in participation at the Annual Ojai Memorial Day Event in Libbey Park.



Memorial Day is fast approaching as many people prepare for the pleasurable activities ushering in summer vacations and travel. Yet, while we enjoy those activities and freedoms, young Americans are dying in three wars now being waged in Asia and Africa. The body counts continue into the thousands and the wounded return in such conditions that they will never experience a happy and healthy life ever again.

The all volunteer military allows the average citizen to opt out of the trials and tribulations of wartime service. Without a need for  
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# Ojai City Council Raggedy Edge

– Dick Lynch  
**Power Grab**, did you see the March 22 Council meeting? Gee WHIZ. What was that about? Did the Mayor Carol Smith attempt to MUZZLE Councilmember Carol Strobel and limit discussion?? That ‘ol boss mare is sure gettin’ cranky! Isn’t that a First Amendment Rights Issue?? Has she heard of AMERICA, right? (See [www.YouTube.com/OV-VtaVIEW](http://www.YouTube.com/OV-VtaVIEW)) What is Carol trying to accomplish? With a little luck she can alienate 3 council members that can send a motion, ask for a second, and vote to remove her from office!!! The Council has only 14 meetings or less left to remove Carol. Now, why would she incite a lynching mob? She has been Curt, Snippy and Abrupt with the residents of Ojai. She is supposed to lead meetings, bring respect, and be respectful, not admonish speakers, constantly saying “Stick to the Point”. It’s really up to the speaker. This is called the free flow of ideas, you know Democracy, not Queen Carol’s Totalitarian Regime. Maybe the City has enough money for an additional law suit like the one they currently have on the barbecue involving Mallory Way..... This new “OJAI ONLY” Building Code, will surely knock your hat in the creek.... it’s an attempt by Planning to hide, confuse, mislead and generally pull the Wool over the

eyes of the residents of Ojai. This is an end run and a power grab that has no benefits of any kind for the residents of Ojai and property owners. If passed, the local codes issue will displace over a 1,000 lower income residents. Whatever happened to Carol’s campaign promise to champion low income housing?  
 “What exists in Ojai between it’s residents and the Planning Department is a lack of trust.” The general practice of stalling, misinformation, lack of effort, incorrect information, an intolerance of citizens asking for help is a complete misunderstanding of the Public Servant role of the City Planning Department employee. Makes a fella half scared to lock horns with the city. Decisions from the planning department appear to be Random, and seem to be made more on who’s applyin’ than whether or not the project is “Ojai appropriate.” Can we say favoritism? Our current Planning Dept is slooow, offers little if any help or solutions at all. It’s like “figure it out yourself and if you can’t too bad”. Staff stuns residents with statements like “Staff has chosen to interpret” without any written ordinance or explanation or even an offer of recourse. How did staff get the authority to  
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## PRESS RELEASE

### Ojai FLOW Announces Plans to Remove Golden State Water as Ojai’s Water Purveyor

After a 35 percent rate increase in 2008 and another 26 percent in 2011, a group of six Ojai citizens came together to investigate alternatives to Golden State Water as their water purveyor. This group is called Ojai FLOW (Friends of Locally Owned Water), named after a national movement of citizens to take control of their water.  
 Ojai FLOW has found that Golden State Water (Golden State) charges homes, businesses, schools, and public agencies in the Ojai service area today twice as much as what Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas) and other local publically owned water companies in the valley would charge. In 2011 Golden State will charge \$5 million for water service and Casitas would charge \$1.89 million for the same service. Nearly all of money paid to Golden State leaves the valley whereas practically all of the money paid to Casitas is spent locally. Ojai FLOW also found that not all of the properties within the City of Ojai are served by Golden State. According to Pat McPherson, Chairman of the citizen group Ojai FLOW, “If you happen

to be unlucky to be within the Golden State service area, the value of your property is less because you must pay twice as much for your water. This affects residents, businesses, and schools alike and is projected to increase 300 percent by 2025 if Golden State is allowed to continue to raise their water rates as they have in recent years”.  
 After over 500 volunteer hours of in-depth investigation, Ojai FLOW has created a plan that will provide immediate water rate savings to all Ojai users served by Golden State, plus remove Golden State as the water purveyor. Ojai FLOW plans to get signatures of at least half of the registered voters served by the Golden State in Ojai, and petition the Board of Directors of Casitas to initiate proceedings to cause the following:  
 A. Form a revenue improvement district encompassing the Ojai service area of Golden State.  
 B. Hold an election among the registered voters of the proposed revenue improvement district to consider issuing revenue bonds, not to exceed \$33,000,000, for the purposes of purchasing the Golden State water system and making needed improvements to that water system.  
 C. In addition to the standard Casitas rates for like customers, apply a water surcharge of \$2.50 per hundred cubic foot of water on all water served in the improvement district for a period not to exceed 30 years for the purposes of serving the debt and funding needed improvements (one hundred cubic foot or CCF = 748 gallons).  
 D. Replace Golden State with Casitas as the Ojai area water purveyor. The signatures to this petition base their requests for the above actions on the following:  
 I. Golden State is within the Casitas district boundaries; the residents have historically paid taxes to Casitas, and routinely receive supplemental water from Casitas.  
 II. This action will result in no change in the place (where) Ojai Groundwater Basin water will be used or change in place (where) Lake Casitas water will be used, and the actions will result in no increase in overall water demand.  
 III. This action will not be a burden to the existing rate payers of Casitas.  
 IV. The average customer now served by

## SEARCH & SEIZURE CODE ENFORCEMENT

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 cil (public speaking period) just two days ago Tuesday (April 12), Mr. Daddi spoke on the subject; suggesting Ojai City Code Enforcement put all “Red Tag” violations, complaints, etc., in writing, rather than as is currently a practice of unaccountable “verbal notices”. Mr. Daddi stated in council that this procedure leaves no clear direction for property owners to respond to city code complaints, and provides no documented record of code enforcement activities by the code enforcement dept. Mr. Daddi also suggested there that all unannounced/unwarranted building inspections be stopped in the city of Ojai altogether. I am sure you are aware of the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which prohibits unwarranted Search and Seizure by government officials.  
 Bob Daddi said he was contacted by Mr. Meadows several months ago and directed that all city business by Mr. Meadows go through Mr. Daddi’s attorney. Bob could no longer speak to Mr. Meadows as he was attorney-represented. According to Bob, Mr. Meadows never contacted the attorney in any way; by phone, email, office visit, etc. Mr. Daddi also said Mr. Meadows has his phone number; both residence and office at State Farm Insurance, but that he was not contacted yesterday by Mr. Meadows, prior to the “visit.” I have several questions.  
 1. What was the official reason Mr. Meadows paid an unannounced visit to Bob’s house yesterday morning?  
 2. Did any of Mr. Meadows superiors (including yourself) order this action or know about it beforehand, or did Mr. Meadows act independently? Who? (if any)  
 3. Was Mr. Meadows “visit” a retaliatory action against Mr. Daddi for his Tuesday Public Speaking comment critical of code enforcement?  
 4. Did Mr. Meadows try to contact Mr. Daddi’s attorney before yesterday’s “visit”?  
 5. As a new arrival to Ojai, and new city manager (and also as Mr. Meadows supervisor), what do you think “officially” about  
 “We Believe [City of Ventura] code enforcement is on the right track...”  
 - VCReporter Management, Editorial, April 30, 2009

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 Mr. Meadows alleged behavior yesterday? Thanks very much, I appreciate your time, Joel  
 Joel Anderson  
 editor@ojaiandventuraview.com  
 www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com  
 EDITOR’S NOTE: As of the time of publication of this issue of The Ojai and Ventura VIEW, Mr. Clark has not responded to our email. Stay tuned.

## Letter - Vets

Memorial Day: Ojai Turns Back On Veterans  
 – Dave Pressey  
 The Ojai Valley has a long history of ignoring veterans and veteran’s causes, especially since the Vietnam War when many opponents of that conflict transposed their anger and angst to the men and women who served their nation in that tumultuous era. Yet, in the Ojai Valley, several veterans organizations sought to reverse the baneful effects of hostility to our military.  
 The Ojai Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 11461 spearheaded the drive to  
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 commitment, the sacrifices of the few are ignored and upon the cessation of war, the truly needy veterans are often forgotten. Our nation has a checkered history of lack of support for returning veterans when the wars are ended. Sometimes, the only voice on behalf of veterans is the veterans’ organization. It is through education, Memorial Day services, Veterans Day services, and 4th of July Parades that the general public is reminded what it means to be a soldier, sailor, Marine, or Airman. It is during these occasions that people are reminded that “freedom is not free”. Freedom is purchased at a frightful price paid by our young men and women.  
 Each year, there are fewer veterans from past wars to advocate for and support the veterans from our current three wars. Thousands of younger veterans have come home in body bags leaving widows and orphans. Many have returned

severely wounded.  
 The Annual Ojai Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars is again sponsoring our Memorial Day Commemoration in Libby Park. As in the past, we turn to the individuals and civic organizations to assist us with the costs. So far, we have received generous donations from various people and civic minded organizations, but we haven’t fully met our need for insurance costs, musicians, sound equipment, and the usual fees charged by Ojai City for use of their park, and the posting of the banners over Ojai Avenue plus many other satellite costs.  
 The veterans would appreciate your financial help and participation. Please mail your donations to the Ojai Valley VFW Post 11461 c/o Dan Lopez, Commander at 37 Don Antonio Way, Ojai, CA 93023.  
 Many thanks to all those who have previously donated.  
 – Dan Lopez, Commander, 646-2779

bring to the public mind what it means to serve this nation as American Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines. This required reeducating the ill-informed public that decisions to go to war are not made by military personnel. Those decisions are made by the elected officials of the United States government. Ironically, those men and women who experience war are most inclined to favor peaceful and diplomatic solutions to any armed conflict. The American warrior really hates war.  
 Essential to understanding military service is that when an American signs enlistment papers and takes the oath of allegiance to defend the Constitution against all enemies, domestic or foreign, it is a “blank check” giving the government the right to spend his/her life and liberty at will. It does not matter if the service person is in the Reserves, the National Guard, or the active duty Armed Forces. Upon enlistment an enlistee’s life, liberty, or future happiness is not their own.  
 A number of years ago, Sanford Drucker, a combat Infantry veteran of the battles in Alaska, pointed out that Ojai didn’t even have a Memorial Day service for our numerous but silent veterans in the community. Of all the communities in Ventura County, Ojai stood out as a tourist destination for fun and profit. Ojai was a community that often failed to recognize the sacrifices of our young men and women of the Armed Forces. Our sister communities of Fillmore and Santa Paula are very veteran friendly with banners attached to the light posts throughout the city with the name and branch of service for every active duty serviceperson

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 “Don’t Tell Me Who I am... Let me guess !”  
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**Phobias**  
 Many people suffering from phobias attempt to pursue the course of greatest safety being preoccupied with security. Inner emotional conflict and anxiety are not dealt with. Disturbing sexual thoughts or aggressive impulses are repressed (i.e., “Out of sight out of mind”). However when the defense mechanism of repression begins to fail, trouble ensues.  
 For example, let’s explore the phobia of an obsessive personality. Obsessives deal with the ambiguities of life with an urgent need to control. They’re often preoccupied with details and usually miss the bigger picture. Many are workaholics, overly dutiful and miserly in giving affection to themselves and others. There is tremendous conflict surrounding the issues of obedience vs. defiance. When analyzing a man, who has a phobia of knives, we find that he harbors tremendous anger and aggressive impulses towards his wife, but becoming conscious of this rage is too dangerous because he is also dependent on her. As he doesn’t want to become conscious of his aggressive impulses he displaces these fearful thoughts onto a knife. As long as he avoids a knife, he doesn’t have to deal with his aggression as the anxiety is confined to a specific object (i.e., a knife). The defense mechanism of displacement and avoidance are always part of phobias.  
 Outside of aggression, another dangerous impulse some phobics attempt to avoid centers around sexuality. For example, the young woman who was phobic about going anywhere by herself. Initially she wasn’t sure of what she was afraid of. Weeks later she expressed concern over a man possibly making sexual advances towards her. Months later she revealed that she is afraid she might not decline those sexual advances. In other words, as long as her phobia kept her from going anywhere by herself, she would not have to deal with her “dangerous” sexual impulses. The origins of this phobia led back to a fanatical religious upbringing, which is always abusive. Outside of the defense mechanism of displacement and avoidance, this also included the defense of projection, as she projected her own sexual desires unto men in her environment. Many train and subway phobias have similar dynamics.  
 Agoraphobia comes from the Greek and means “Fear (phobia) of the marketplace (agora)”. It is a very crippling condition because these patients are housebound, always in fear of the unpredictable and of losing control. Many are aware of the absurdity and irrationality of the symptoms leading to problems with self-image and esteem. Panic attacks, severe depression and sometimes addiction to prescription drugs can accompany this phobia. This condition might be related to fears of abandonment and separation anxiety incurred early in life. Sometimes this phobia occurs in dependent personalities, who manage anxieties by avoiding decisions and commitments and who surrender personal integrity in order to receive crumbs from someone they depend on. There can be an “advantage to being ill”, because if one assumes the role of the afflicted one, one can avoid any stressful demands. One can also express hostility through demanding services and sacrifices of others. As the patient’s fear of anxiety is highly contagious, the partner who accompanies the patient might have accepted the patient’s belief that anxiety must be avoided at all cost. As the agoraphobic gets better, the partner might sabotage the progress and then needs to be included in the therapeutic enterprise.  
 Love to Mother Meera. One for all and all for one.  
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 from those communities.  
 The VFW of Ojai Valley, marshalling community support, has worked to educate the general public through media and the acclaimed publication of the “Ojai Valley Veterans Stories”. After that, the Post sponsored the first annual Ojai Memorial Day in Libby Bowl. Nancy Hill conceived of the idea to display posters of every single veteran in the Ojai from all branches of service to demonstrate how extensively our valley residents have been involved in the defense of our Nation and the American ideals. Creating a display of hundreds of posters underscored the importance of veterans to this community. Speakers and memorabilia were brought in from local veterans and current active duty personnel to help explain and expound on the meaning of service. Gene Carper and the late Howard Gilbert created a float drawing attention to Ojai Valley residents and their service. Groups of veterans gave talks to school classes, civic organization, sponsored floats, and furnished Color Guards in our local 4th of July Parades.  
 There has been a gradual shift from the “unofficial” negative perception of veterans and military service in this community. The 4th of July Parade has metamorphosed from the time when few people would stand at the passing of the Colors to where people stand and thank our active duty military for their sacrifices. Thousands of the “Ojai Veterans Memorial Vets Continue, page 5...”

“Fifty Percent (50%) of the World’s Wealth is owned by 2% of the World’s Population”  
 SOURCE: Helsinki-based World Institute for Development Economics Research of the United Nations University

Office	Annual Salaries	Updated
President Barack Obama (U.S.)	\$400,000	\$400,000
Ventura County Library Director (Jackie Griffin)	\$220,000	\$220,000
Governor Arn. Schwarzenegger (CA.)	\$212,179	\$173,987
Attorney General (CA.)	\$184,301	\$151,127
Supt. of Public Instruction (CA.)	\$184,301	\$151,127
Ojai City Attorney (Monte Widders)	\$182,470	\$228,763
Ojai City Manager (Rob Clark)	\$224,478	\$224,478
Ojai Unified School District Supt. Controller (CA.)	\$170,000	\$170,000
Treasurer (CA.)	\$169,743	\$139,189
Insurance Commissioner (CA.)	\$169,743	\$139,189
Lieutenant Governor (CA.)	\$159,134	\$130,490
Secretary of State (CA.)	\$159,134	\$130,490
Members, Board of Equal. (CA.)	\$159,134	\$130,490
Assy. Speaker & Pres. Pro Tem, Senate (CA.)	\$133,639	\$109,584
Minority Floor Leader (CA.)	\$133,639	\$109,584
Majority Floor Leader	\$124,923	\$102,437
Second Ranking Minor. Leader (CA.)	\$124,923	\$102,437
All Legislators (CA.)	\$116,208	\$ 95,281
Entry Level School Teacher (Ventura County)	\$ 29,595	no added
Minimum Wage, Full-Time Worker (Via County)	\$ 14,040	no added

# OJAI CITY COUNCIL RAGGEDY EDGE

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interpret, legislate and make their decision "final", after a lengthy and costly process that discourages discourse and recourse. That is simply a "choose yer weapons," answer. We have problems with "Official Notification" on what to some are important issues, even notification of an effected property next door has resulted in a failure to notify that effected neighbor. Are we expected to be psychic?

You only have to look in our current Planning Department to understand that. Enforcement is erratic and has caused many hard feelings. Information as to what or how to, has given people reassurance prior to purchasing property, only to be denied after the fact. Imagine buying a property, being told you can put in a home studio, and then have them up and change the zoning after escrow closes. Citizens complain, but are told that's not how the conversation went or they must have misunderstood. Remind me to carry a voice recorder.

Questions have arisen as to the motive or to the ability of planning to do a basic job. This incompetence has caused, and will continue to cause litigation beyond the Cities obligation and may, in some cases, result in a lawsuit against the Realtor and Broker for what was thought to be sound advice but later reversed.

Planning is already so slow that for the city to ask for additional "HIDDEN" Codes is despicable and downright dishonest! This Planning Department has neither the will or the resources to add additional duties and will result in a pick and choose enforcement which is just plain discrimination. The intent

is to cause further gridlock for more power or higher wages.

"OJAI Code" approval will do a number of things. It will stop all building approval and inspection of projects in any reasonable

## PUBLIC MEETING Special Ojai City Workshop City Hall, 11am, Mon. 5/2 To Discuss Direction of Ojai with Ojai Planning Dept. PUBLIC INVITED

time frame to a department that is years behind implementing codes and ordinances that have already been "almost" approved (sign and political sign). It will further overwhelm an already overwhelmed city department. It will be the final straw in an already mistrusted Planning Department. This new code will solidify all opinion that this is a "naked power grab" that will DECIMATE THE RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE MARKET. Recording a non-conforming title will eliminate all chance of refinance, improvement, "correction" loans and will eliminate all chance of sale except for the very rare "all cash" offer.

The big LIE was that they couldn't separate out the language from the code, but didn't they have to submit the changes, show us what was submitted and make it simple? Are they tellin' us that they inserted the code line by line without an outline and did this and are enforcing the code without the Council approving the changes that become law.

Rotation MAYOR "CASH REGISTER"

CAROL'S failure to protect the residents of Ojai as Mayor is unbelievable. How you permit enforcement of codes prior to a vote of the council?

Putting a cloud on any property title, on any and all residents, is an act of confiscation of personal property. The Planning Department should be outsourced or have a survey, in writing, of all actions, calls, permits, applications and interaction that are reviewed directly by the City Manager to discover just what level or reorganization must take place. When it gets to the bottom line "When you can't change people, Change People"

It has come to my attention that a number of people are passing out petitions, handing out signs and askin' for donations. I wish them luck and hope this works. Southern Cal or Golden States or American States whichever it is... running water in the streets should be thankful that the residents of Ojai are too busy minding their pocket books.

This has gone on way too long... I see the City waterin Sarzotti' Park until the street is awash with water, again you could float paper ships in the gutter. We have so many leaks in town that an aerial photo of the streets would show up like a checker board pattern for all the diggin' and patchin' the water company has done. If we do get some more Obama mad money make them fix the pipes before we patch, please. As far as Golden Slick goes, it looks like they have been caught with their hand in the cookie jar. They are being investigated by the Division of Water and Audits... (DWA)... hmmm... stay tuned as the struggle to protect our freedoms unfurls.

Hang 'em High!

- Dick Lynch

# OJAI FLOW: PLAN TO REMOVE GOLDEN STATE WATER



Citizen Members of FLOW - Bob Daddi, Richard Hajas, Dale Hansen and Pat McPherson.

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Golden State will realize a 10 percent - 15 percent reduction in annual water costs in the first year and can look forward to stable future water rates with Casitas as their water purveyor.

When asked what Golden State will say about this, McPherson says "Hopefully Golden State will realize that it would be to everyone's benefit for them to cooperate with Casitas to establish a fair and equitable price. This is not an issue about public vs. private ownership. Golden State understands their business and represents the interests of their investors. They just have gone too far with their rate increases which makes the business case for change so obvious it can't be ignored. Golden State rate payers already own and are part of Casitas, we pay taxes to Casitas, we vote in Casitas elections, we have a representative on the Casitas board, and the Golden State water system is connected to the Casitas system. It simply makes no sense to continue to pay twice as much to Golden State for water when Casitas is in place and is a much more cost effective alternative".

Ojai FLOW encourages Ojai rate payers to find out for themselves by going to [www.casitas-water.org](http://www.casitas-water.org) and compare what their bill today from Golden State

vs. what they will pay Casitas as the water purveyor. They say to:

- Select Monthly Bill Calculator.
- Enter Bi-monthly, Pumped, etc.
- Double the amount because the results are monthly.
- Add \$2.50 for each hundred cubic feet (CCF) - the Surcharge to buy Golden State.



All Wet with Crocodile Tears - Golden State Water executive, Ken Petersen was met with a chilly reception at the Apr. 26 Ojai City Council Meeting. The city endorsed Ojai FLOW (Friends of Locally Owned Water) in their drive to take back control of Ojai's water company and halt Golden State's continued excessive rate increases. Incidentally, Ojai Unified School District's Dannielle Pusatere, (OUSD) Asst. Superintendent of Business & Admin. Services calculated water costs for The VIEW at Topa Topa School, Matilija Jr. High and the District Offices/Chaparral High (all under Golden State Water). For the 5 month period from July, 2010 to Nov. 2010 the GSW bill was upwards around \$8,000. Bet the schools could use a nice break on their water bill!

"Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul." - Emily Dickinson



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"The View is funky" - Charlene Hartenstein, Ojai office manager

"Your mag. its bad!!!!" - Diane Kruse, Ojai

"The VIEW is pivotal." - Sheila Cluff, Owner The Oaks of Ojai

"Hope you have a successful year in business!" - Regards, JMRodgers, Meiners Oaks Ojai operator

"The VIEW www.YouTube.com/OVTVaVIEW channel. This is priceless. The sound effects are hysterical. This will go viral... I am sending it on. Thanks, great work. You are not beholden to the establishment." - Camille Harris Ventura, activist

"I like The VIEW" - Sheldon Brown Ventura, disingenuous contractor

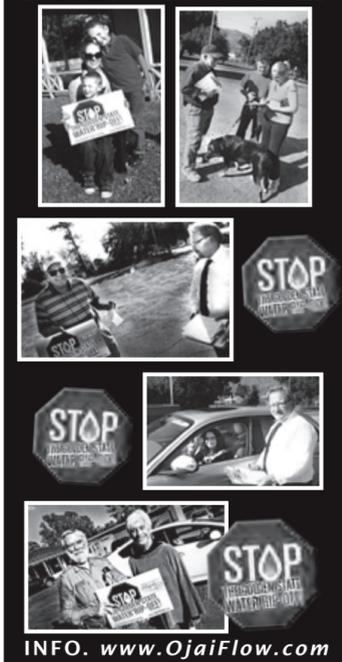
"Send it to my office." - Eiton Gallegly U.S. Congressman

# Wait Until Nothing

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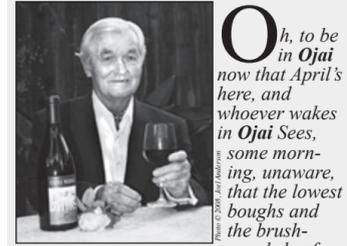
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INFO. [www.OjaiFlow.com](http://www.OjaiFlow.com)

# Wine And Roses

by Ron Rowe



Oh, to be in Ojai now that April's here, and whoever wakes in Ojai Sees, some morning, unaware, that the lowest boughs and the brush-wood sheaf

Round the elm-tree bole are in tiny leaf, While the chaffinch sings on the orchard bough In Ojai - now! With apologies to Robert Browning.

Attention all Anglophiles interested in the upcoming wedding between William and Kate, Plaza Pantry tea shop in Ojai has commemorative plates, mugs, spoons etc. for sale. These are made in England not China, if interested call Beryl at 646-6325, she is taking orders now.

Back to the real world... Beware of computer scams... an Illinois man sent \$250,000 to his online girlfriend over a period of two years even though he had never met her. He sent the money to bank accounts in Nigeria at her request that she needed the money to buy her freedom from kidnappers. When the man told police, they told him his girlfriend was fictitious. The man refused to believe them. Well they say there is one born every minute.

Things are looking up in the U.S. American retailers in March enjoyed the largest increase in sales for four months. Wall Street bonuses will rise 15 percent this year from 2010... that may explain why luxury retailer Tiffany has raised its full-year earnings estimate to \$2.77 a share from \$2.65 on strong growth in retail transactions of \$500 or more.

Japan's 9.0 magnitude earthquake released so much energy that it shifted the position of the Earth's axis by 6.5 inches; the massive quake caused by the sudden slipping of one giant tectonic plate under another moved Japan 12 feet closer to North America. Due to soaring energy demands in India and China, the world's current stock of 443 nuclear reactors is expected to double over the next 15 years.

Speaking of China, is it true Rainbow Bridge is selling inexpensive Olive Oil made in China? Now that's Local!

If you are planning a trip to New York City and you smoke, beware. Mayor Bloomberg has banned all outdoor smoking in parks, beaches and other public places including Times Square.

Police arrested a Georgia woman at the Canadian U.S. border when officers found her pregnant stomach turned out to be a pouch containing 33 plastic bags crammed with 34,000 ecstasy pills weighing 21 pounds and valued at \$3 million.

A new book entitled *What Every Man Thinks About Apart From Sex* is a best seller in England. It has 200 blank pages... author Sheridan Simone said it was gratifying to see his book outselling so many other academic works whose authors claimed to have worked harder than him to further the extent of human knowledge.

Visual Artist Wafaa Bilal, a New York University professor has had a digital camera implanted in the back of his head as part of an

avant-garde project. He will capture a still image every minute to demonstrate what he would see if he had eyes in the back of his head. He will keep the camera in his head for a year, ah, such is modern art.

Some vinophiles might tell you that in wine, as in fashion, the rule is, no white after Labor Day. Italy produces great winter wines when it's soup and stew season. White wines should be low in acidity and full-bodied. 2008 Vietti Roero Arneis, Piedmont, \$24, this Arneis is floral and full of apple pie and ripe melon with some space on the finish.

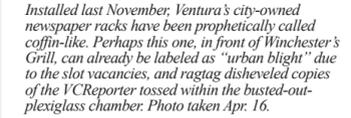
Time to be off and enjoy a glass of wine. Peace to all living beings on earth. Your comments are welcome - Ron Rowe, rhjrowe@aol.com

# CODE ENFORCEMENT REVENUE STREAMING

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revenue streams not by streamlining, but by instituting increased taxes for the little guy. This comes at a high price, often stripping away serious U.S. Constitutional rights.

The City of Ventura is no exception and their experiment in greed has in fact become nationally known as the sick-poster-child for chilling incompetent management. As their selfish vision of a Disneyland-esque dreamland in Downtown Ventura dried up and now blows away, they recently lock-step-installed hideous usery parking meters (called Blue Monsters by many) in an effort to merrily filch more money out of small business owners and shoppers. With the economy already bad these additional taxes have only brought a ghost town atmosphere to an already struggling business district.



Installed last November, Ventura's city-owned newspaper racks have been prophetically called coffin-like. Perhaps this one, in front of Winchester's Grill, can already be labeled as "urban blight" due to the slot vacancies, and ragtag disheveled copies of the VCR Reporter tossed within the busted-out-plexiglass chamber. Photo taken Apr. 16.

In their efforts to squash dissenting opinion to their unpopular rule, they have also restricted distribution of true alternative publications (the last vestige of independent thought) by unconstitutionally passing a newspaper "Rack" ordinance last year. This, they said, was to presumably keep Ventura-Cowtown "tidy." The edict limits distribution of "unpermitted" publications which have not paid a "permit" tax. This tax is illegal, with long-standing precedence in the long-repealed British Stamp Act of 1765. Ventura's law trashes the First Amendment by attempting

to tax the free exercise of it. This limits press distribution, restricting free speech except to those who tow the city policy (often accepting city advertising dollars in return); they pay the unconstitutional tax. The Ventura ordinance is not equitably enforced and in fact favors cities "happy news" media friends. The law is overlooked for some. Free Speech is chilled and the failed policies continue.

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Ventura is also pursuing random revenue driven code enforcement policies, under the guise of 'Public Safety' (Trojan Horse). This seems to be the new growth industry; the fines are heavily weighted against those who can least afford. In fact Ventura is the blueprint for what is currently being billed (bull-dozed) as the future of Ojai. Ventura's same wonder man, code consultant and pitchman Stephen Stuart has been retained by Ojai staff to in fact bolster the town's backsliding building permit revenues by giving the city building dept. police powers; power to issue excessive fines and seize private property through foreclosure to the govt. benefit.

Ventura's Big Brother code enforcement policies have already targeted many vulnerable trusting Seniors in their homes, who are often unaware of the now neglected constitutional protections against illegal and unwarranted Search and Seizures. The city often obtains anonymous "Tips" or simply invades the privacy of private citizens' property, trespassing point-blank to fabricate their case; much in the spirit of 1930s Germany. These policies blatantly violate the Sixth Amendment Constitutional "guarantee" to the Right to Face Your Accuser, and Fourth Amendment Right Against Government Search and Seizure. For more info, [www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com/OVTVaArt/Vta-CodeEnforce.html](http://www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com/OVTVaArt/Vta-CodeEnforce.html)

- Joel Anderson, Editor

# LETTER: MEMORIAL DAY VETERANS

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Stories" and the companion book, "Ventura County Veterans Stories" have been sold in the community and nationwide as Ojai's veteran's contribution to the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. The stories of Ojai and Ventura County veterans are found in libraries across the nation including the Virginia Military Institute and some military museums. The stories have raised a new understanding that veterans are among the most dedicated citizens and contributors to the common good of the Ojai community.

They include people like Nordhoff teacher and counselor Magnus Studer and Tom Mahon the former Auditor and Controller of Ventura County. Dr. Ray Huckins, John Faye, Nina Shelley, and Joe DeVito were all veterans and served as mayor of Ojai. Otto Heino was a world class artist in the pottery field. Business people like Capp Loughboro helped write the California State ethics laws on television products and repairs. Larry Prince served as a civic leader in the Lions Club for many years. Dan Lopez is the World Champion Appaloosa Horse trainer. Dave Allen retired from a

career as Senior Vice President of Bank of A. Levy. Harry Hunt retired as a lieutenant with the California Highway Patrol. The list is monumental and includes nurses, teachers, oil field workers, government officials, ministers, priests, and technicians of all kinds. Even now, our California State Assemblyman, Jeff Gorell, is a member of the Ojai post while risking his life as a Navy Lt. Commander in Afghanistan.

Today, Ojai has a different perspective about military service than in former years. The community is much more supportive realizing that all military personnel stand ready to give their life, liberty, and all future happiness to the cause of this nation. The work begun by the men and women of the Ojai Valley VFW continues to this Memorial Day as we commemorate all those who serve and sacrificed for your freedoms and your liberties.

to what does "active military role" mean anyway? What the president and secretary of state said was, *We won't be there that long and it won't cost that much.* I sort of expect the minimization rationalization from kids, but not from the top leaders of our country.

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Watch the Libyan scope increase and the rationalization change - it will last longer, cost more, and sound even more like we're doing a good thing. Jefferson Pinto is a retired CPA and holds and MBA from one of the finer accredited universities in this country.

Libyan "Conflict"... Days Not Weeks?

by Jefferson Pinto

We were recently told the U.S. would support a United Nations resolution and engage military resources in Libya. We were also told by President Obama we would be there "days and not weeks" in an active military role. Hold it right there; that sounds a little vague. Does that mean less than 14 days, and

what does "active military role" mean anyway? What the president and secretary of state said was, *We won't be there that long and it won't cost that much.* I sort of expect the minimization rationalization from kids, but not from the top leaders of our country.

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**BLATZ BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**



A surprise birthday party was sprung on Paul Blatz at his Ojai home recently. Gifts for the Attorney and City Councilman included a gift certificate to the Inn, books on golfing, assorted bottles of fine wine, a Godzilla doll (above, which was a big hit and has special significance) and a big blue bottle of Gin.

Guests included many of Ojai's Political Power Elite. Mixing it up at the party were Pat and Julie McPherson, Sid and Sheila Cohn, Don and Stephanie Midgett, Bob and Darlene Daddi, Emily Long, Anthony Reda, Sarah Long, Don and Sheila Cluff, Betsy Clapp, Carlon Strobel, Don Klahre, Joan Kemper, Clara and Bruce Dunwoody, Howard and Edie Smith, Les and Alice Gardner, Janet Peacock, Michaelle Gammel, Ryan Blatz and Cindy, Gayel Childress.

Photos and Text by Joel Anderson



**VIEW EVENT LISTINGS Guide to the Good Life**

• Apr 30 & May 1 - at the Lobero West Side Story



Julieanna Bartling, David Schaeman, Christopher Lloyd, Gabe Reali and Christina Buchanan

Seeing Double? No, that's the way we planned it. It's the double-casting for the Santa Barbara Youth Ensemble Theater's production of West Side Story at the Lobero Theatre April 30 and May 1 at the Lobero Theatre. The BIG news is that director Janet Adderley has secured the services of some very well-known local residents to play the "adults" in the classic American musical. Christopher Lloyd is Doc; Andrew Firestone is Glad Hand; Billy Baldwin is Sgt. Schrank. For more info, www.lobero.com 963-0761

• Apr 28 - June 12 ~ Made in Ojai IX "Know Hope" ~ The Ojai Valley Museum Ojai Studio Artists Group Exhibition, Artists' Reception & Scholarship Awards Ceremony, FREE Open to the General Public. Ojai Studio Artists showcased in a group exhibition for a 9th consecutive year. Michele Pracy, Museum Director and Curator, asked the participating artists to create works of art based on the concept, "Know Hope." (In opposition to "No Hope" and an obvious play on words.) Fifty exhibiting artists have taken the concept seriously, producing pieces in all media. Started with an understanding that "Hope" is the belief in positive outcome, the artworks are devoid of pessimism highlighting faith in a "goodness" filled future. Pracy provided several written inspirations for producing the concept artworks. One, by Emily Dickinson: "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul." The other, a Greek myth of "Pandora's Box," wherein Pandora opens a forbidden sealed container. However, impelled by her natural curiosity, she opened the jar and all evil contained in it escaped and spread over the earth. She hastened to close the lid, but the whole content of the jar had escaped, except one thing that lay at the bottom, which was HOPE. Days later, Pandora opened the jar again fixing her earlier mistake by giving mankind the greatest gift of all: HOPE. HOPE permeates everyday life; recognize HOPE is present in countless aspects of popular culture; and acknowledge that HOPE remains present in our world of chance and change. The Ojai Valley Museum, established in 1967, is generously supported in part by Museum Members, Private Donors, Business Sponsors and Underwriters, the Smith-Hobson Foundation, Wood-Claeysens Foundation, City of Ojai, Rotary Club of Ojai. The Ojai Valley Museum ~ 130 W. Ojai Ave., Ojai, 640-1390, www.ojavalleymuseum.org

**IT WAS GREEK TO ME**

by Mary-Jo Murphy

Lipos is Greek for fat. Fat surrounds us. It seems to be everywhere, on our bodies, in our food, and now your doctor is sending you for a Blood Lipid Panel.

You have some vague idea of what this is, and you suspect it's nothing like a Judicial Panel or even a Solar Panel. What he's looking for is cholesterol, bad fat that you've heard causes heart attacks and strokes.

You know there's cholesterol in food, but as the technician tightens the tourniquet, you wonder how that delicious hamburger you ate last week will somehow show up in this tiny glass tube.

A week later you return to your doctor for the results. He starts throwing around words like triglycerides, high-density lipoproteins, low-density lipoproteins, good and bad cholesterol. He spews out a lot of numbers. You feel confused. This doesn't appear to be a pass or fail exam.

**Keep Sespe Wild and Limoneira Agree on Environmental Impact Report: East Area One Development Project ~ Santa Paula Creek**

by Alasdair Coyne



On Fri. April 15, Keep Sespe Wild signed an agreement with Limoneira, a Santa Paula corporation with longtime roots in the local citrus business, regarding the potential flooding of their just-approved East Area One development of 1,500 homes on nearly a square mile of land just east of Santa Paula and next to lower Santa Paula Creek.

Over the past six months, Limoneira and the City of Santa Paula have been working with LAFCo, a Ventura County agency that analyzes development projects that sit outside city boundaries, with a view to approving the annexation of such projects to the adjacent city.

Keep Sespe Wild's interest in the matter began when the Army Corps of Engineers proposed last year to use \$7 million of federal stimulus funds to construct a new fishladder on lower Santa Paula Creek, right next to one which had been rendered unusable only a few years after it was completed by the heavy load of boulders that come crashing down Santa Paula Creek in major winter storms. It seemed pointless to repeat this mistake twice in the same decade, so a number of environmental organizations wrote to our Senators in Washington D.C., to request that the stimulus funds not be wasted in this manner. We were successful with this initiative.

The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) earlier approved for Limoneira's East Area One project by the City of Santa Paula had

failed to analyze the risks of flooding to the project site when a 100-year flood comes barreling downstream right next to where hundreds of new homes are to be built. The existing levee is not approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Keep Sespe Wild retained the Environmental Defense Center, a local non-profit legal firm, to help make the case before LAFCo in mid-March, that the flooding risk had not been assessed in the planning process.

Sediment is a key factor, as the mass of sand, rocks and boulders that come downstream in a flood event on Santa Paula Creek is greater than on any other creek nearby. The sediment load is also important because when the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) channeled Santa Paula Creek about ten years ago, they completely failed to plan for sediment volume when they calculated the dimensions of the new creek channel. The result is that the current creek channel is woefully inadequate to allow a 100-year flood to pass safely downstream to join the Santa Clara River.

The LAFCo Commissioners voted 6:1 to approve the project annexation with no further environmental studies of the flooding hazard. Limoneira's CEO, Harold Edwards, agreed to meet with Keep Sespe Wild and two attorneys from the Environmental Defense Center on Fri. April 8, to see if any common ground could be found on the question of flooding from lower Santa Paula Creek. Limoneira's attorneys produced a letter outlining a settlement between the two parties, whereby Limoneira would pay for a Supplemental EIR on the flooding risk, to be completed in around six months by a consultant to be selected by the City of Santa Paula.

A setback would be included in the EIR analysis, so that a strip of land next to the creek might be left undeveloped by Limoneira,

He writes a prescription. You shudder. "Do I have to take another pill?" "Well," he says, smoothing his shirt over his bulging middle. "You could lose weight, exercise, reduce your stress, and eat more Omega-3 fatty acids. That will help."

Fatty acids? How is eating fat going to help lower fat? You start to ask, but your doctor, doesn't appear to be in the mood to chat. He suggests you give the "lifestyle change thing" a try. He shakes your hand, wishes you luck and tells you to come back in six months, and he'll retest you.

You call a friend to compare numbers like you would golf scores. What's your triglyceride? How about your LDLs? HDLs?

You find out something baffling. Your friend, who can barely button his shirt, has a higher HDL than you do. "That's the good stuff," he says proudly.

"Totally confusing," you tell him. Another friend loans you her book, YOU: Staying Young: The Owner's Manual for Extending Your Warranty by Michael F. Roizen and Dr. Mehmet C. Oz.

The doctors turned authors say that LDL

"lousy cholesterol" is a rich protein that carries cholesterol into the tissues. HDL, "healthy cholesterol," carries the cholesterol from the tissues into the liver.

So somehow the liver's involved. It still isn't clear to you what's going on. You try the Internet. You are entertained by hit after hit about cholesterol, a fatlike substance that comes from your diet and is also made in your body. It is part of the cell membrane and plays an important role in making some hormones as well as synthesizing Vitamin D.

Okay, but what about triglycerides? You find that about 25 percent come from your food and that you make the rest in your body.

That night you have a dream. You are in an airport. You have a ticket on Lipos Airlines, and are about to go through Airport Security with a suitcase. Its tag reads: triglycerides.

Instead of TSA, the officers' badges are inscribed with, BLP, Blood Lipid Panel. "We're responsible for your Heart Health and Security," they say. They open your suitcase

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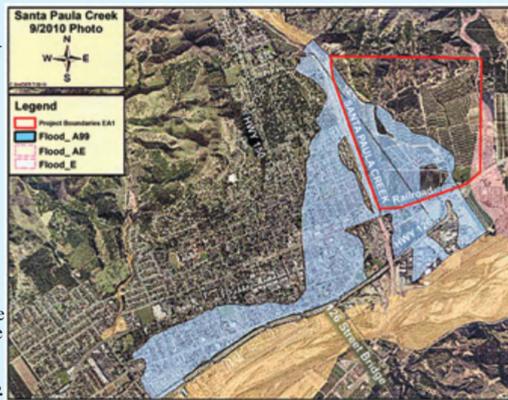
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neira, allowing for the channel to be widened at a future date. A wider creek channel would allow the floodwaters and sediment to pass downstream without topping the banks on both sides. How much wider a channel would be needed is expected to be determined in the new EIR. A wider channel would also allow for easier upstream passage by Steelhead returning to spawn in the creek's headwaters. The settlement agreement was signed on April 15.

—Alasdair Coyne, www.SespeWild.org



**Ventura County Watershed Protection District**  
The most current FEMA flood map of lower Santa Paula Creek shows 45 percent of the East Area One project site is at risk of flooding in a 100-year storm. Map was based on an estimated 100-year flood flow of 28,000 cubic feet per second. Current estimate of a 100-year flood flow has been increased by 40 percent to 38,800 cubic feet per second. Much more of the project site will likely be flooded in a 100-year flood than is shown on this map.

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### Farewell Sonia and Wayne



create spontaneously and collaborate as a band.

Richie joined up with Naomi when she appeared in a rock video for the band **Mumpo**. Not only did Richie make the move to **Nektare**, he brought with him the intense, showy, **Mumpo** drummer **Todd Noseck**. With Naomi's long time friend Brandon on bass, **Nektare** was born. "It just clicked," said Richie, "it just went in this direction and the next thing you knew, we're all in this band together."

Although they call themselves an original band they decided to throw in some covers for out-of-town gigs. "I really like bands of the sixties and seventies," said Naomi, "my biggest influences are **Zepplin**, **Hendrix**, **The Doors**, **Jefferson Airplane**, **Fleetwood Mac**... stuff like that." Richie has a similar bent towards music and adds that he likes a "regular straight played guitar.



### Sonia and Wayne

by Mary M. Long

They were the heart of **Ojai**," said **Katie Strben**, owner of **The Hut**. **Wayne Ortman** and **Sonia Miller** were transported to another existence April 17th.

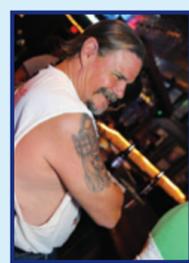
Many of their friends believe the double rainbows which appeared on the following Friday were their way of telling everyone in the valley that they are alright. "She touched so many lives," said long time friend **Joey Albertson**. **Skip Miller**, **Sonia's** brother, said "People keep calling me to offer their condolences and I realize that the whole community lost their best friend."

With an unflinching ability to make everyone welcome, **Sonia** served up unconditional love and "words of wisdom" in her years bartending at **The Hilltop** and **The Hub**. Friends and family have built a memorial at the site of the crash on **Villanova Curve**. A pine tree was planted by the **Oak View Moose Lodge** as a sign of life springing up where theirs had been interrupted. Votive candles glow every evening as the community pays their respects.

"They always looked at the bright side of life," said **Albertson**. "They would be so mad at us now for grieving..."

**The Hub** will seem a bit empty without **Sonia's** hugs and kisses, and her trademark greeting of "I love you." **Wayne's** big hug and handshake and "I love you son," will be missed by everyone who knew him. His tools and golf club hang at **Villanova curve**, placed there by his boss, **Bill Welch**. Laced to one of the crosses is a small white note from someone who has lost their best friend. "I miss you very much, but like you always tol me 'Buck up and put a Smile on your Face.'"

- Mary M. Long



### Nektare at The HUB

words by Mary Long/Joel Anderson

**Nektare** - a sophisticated, dynamic **Los Angeles** based rock band lit up **The Hub** with it's original music and soulful interpretations of popular rock classics. Booked into **The Hub** by the late **Sonia Miller**, this award winning band, really kicked up the standards for live music in **Ojai**.

*Butterfly girl* and front woman, **Naomi Nektare** compares the creation of the year-old group to that of a *Butterfly* leaving it's cocoon - from *chrysalis* to exotic creation. "We're coming out and taking off," she said.

With **Naomi** on vocals, **Brandon Criswell** on bass, **Ritchie Vaccaro** on guitar and **Todd Noseck** on drums, the tight knit group is hell bent for success. "It doesn't cost a lot to dream," whispers **Naomi**, "but it costs a lot not to." **Richie** refers to **Naomi** as the "total package." With her amazing vocal range, stunning appearance and riveting stage presence, **Naomi** rivals legendary rock divas, **Janis Joplin** and **Grace Slick**. **Naomi** is also the group's lyricist and writes most of the group's original material, although she says they



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If you think about it... **The Beatles** had the greatest sounding guitars ever. They get overlooked a lot. **Beatles** guitars really cut." **Brandon** adds a bit of funk influence, naming **Tower of Power** and **The Meters** as favorites but says he also listens to death metal and jazz. "If it sounds kinda funky, and a little rocky, and a little psychedelic, I'll probably like it," says **Naomi** on modern music. "I mean there is good stuff out there, but a lot of the top 40 stuff is just atrocious. You know, our stuff

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## Ojai Youthfest & Skate Contest



Judy Gabriel and Maggie Cerminaro



**Ojai Skate park** held it's first skate competition on **April 17th**, sponsored by **Ojai Rotary** and organized by **Alexia Leslie** of the **Board Shop**. With no cost entry and a lot of fun to be had, the games drew over 45 skaters from across the county. Commentary was provided by announcer **Shane Allen**, pro skater for **Sector 9**. Judges **Dave England**, **Ronnie Mydland** and **John Dettman**, kept the competition cutting edge with fair and unbiased decisions. **England** has been an active supporter of the park and has donated \$20,000 to **Skate Ojai's** "Light up the Night" quest for skate park lighting. **Dave Bolton**, manager of **FIVE POINTS SKATE & SNOWBOARDS** in **Ventura**, said the **Ojai Park** is the best in **Ventura County**. "Not much downside to it," he claimed.



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**Five Points owner**, **Brad Spann**, has been in business for 26 years making the **East Main shop** the oldest skate shop in **Ventura County**. **Bolton** who has managed the shop for 21 years calls it a "core" shop, no frills, just "keeping it real for skateboarders in **Ventura County**." According to **Bolton**, **Charlie Van Lent**, winner of the 4th - 6th grade competition is equipped with **Thunder Trucks**, **Crooked Boards** and a **Girl Boards**, purchased at their shop. **FIVE POINTS** hosts home town skaters **Mike Anderson** (pro), **Angel Saucedo**, **Lawrence Quero**, and **Justin Owens**. Winners of the **Ojai** competition included **Leila Winbury**, **Dillon Spoor**, **Sivan Stone-man**, **Kevin Harris** and **Jay (JT) Brosius**, **Kenta Fujikura**. A special thank you from **Sunday Rylander** goes out to **Doug Winburg** for his contributions to the success of the day. **BS T-shirts** went to the winners donated by **The Board Shop**.

- Mary M. Long



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# THE LEASHES END



Ron and his companion, Dudley.

**A**red Tibetan mastiff puppy has become the world's most expensive dog after being sold for \$1.5 million. Tibetan mastiffs are huge and fierce watchdogs that have stood watch over nomad camps and monasteries for centuries. They are one of the world's oldest breeds and legend has it that Genghis Khan and Lord Buddha kept them. They have recently become a highly prized status symbol for China's new rich. The dogs are thought to be a pure Chinese breed and are never found outside Tibet.

A German firm is doing brisk business selling the odor of cow flatulence sealed in a can. Daniela Doró claims the product that sells for \$8 a can is aimed at city dwellers who pine for the aromas of their childhood. Daniela said business is booming and he is planning on other canned smells; horse and pig manure plus others. Wonder if it would sell in Ojai to the tourists?

Mexican fisherman had their best day in years after scooping up bucketful's of sardines, striped bass and mackerel that suddenly appeared in dense schools along the country's west coast. Researchers claim the fish had been stampeded in that direction by Japan's undersea earthquake.

The Missouri School for the Deaf has a new student,

a one-year-old dachshund named Sparky who is deaf but now understands sign language to sit, stay, come, lie down and heel. Schoolteacher Barbara Garrison said Sparky fits in well at the school.

Which are smarter, dogs or cats? The latest scientific study shows dogs are smarter. A research team at Rockford University found the greatest increase in brain power was in animals that live in social groups. Monkeys, horses, dolphins, camels and dogs had the greatest brain increases while cats and rhinoceros had

little increase in brain, power. Cats have much smaller brains than dogs and horses because of their lack of sociality.

Russia and China have pledged to double the tiger population by 2022 and save it from extinction. Only 3,200 tigers now live in the wild, down from 100,000 just a century ago. The tigers that remain are facing a losing battle with poachers who supply traders in China with tiger parts for medicines. About \$350 million will be spent over the next five years for conservation efforts.

In an effort to stop puppy mills, British Columbia, Canada has become the first city to ban the sale of dogs and puppies in retail stores. The law, number 8663, goes into effect April 30. Now why doesn't the U.S. do the same thing and eliminate the horrors of puppy mills?

Drug and chemical companies are endorsing a European wide initiative to end the use of animals in research and safety testing. They will be using computer models instead of living animals. Testing a single chemical using animals takes up to



Rancho Arnaz boarding stables was the scenic location of the April 16th Equine Behavior Clinic with Pet Psychic and View columnist Heather Green and clinician Maggie Metzker. While Metzker put the horses through a series of exercises to help them learn their place in the "herd of two," Heather carried on active conversations with

the equine subjects, translating Metzger's comments into horse sense.

Rancho Arnaz stable manager Karisa Melendez, brought her attractive palomino Quarter Horse Dubby to the ring for a little "mind reading" and asked Heather's suggestions on a new name for the rescued equine. Becky Bond stood by and watched as Metzker put the dark bay Quarter type Danny

through a series of exercises designed to thwart his playful exuberance and reinforce the dominate role of the human handler. An attentive crowd of people sat under colorful market umbrellas enjoying the display of horse to human and human to horse communications.

Photos and Text, Mary M. Long

five years and involves 800 rodents, costing \$8.3 million. Robotic alternates could test 350 chemicals in less than a week for a fraction of the cost.

Book ahead for the No More Homeless Pets National Conference (Oct. 21 - 23) at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas. You can book reservations at 800 Caesars.

Does any reader know why Canada persists in its annual commercials seal hunt, the largest slaughter of marine animals in the world. It's not about the economy; sealing revenues are a small fraction of the subsidies that prop up this

gruesome industry. It's not about jobs. Sealing provide little more than off-season pickup money for 5,000 fishermen, yet the Coast Guard spends millions of tax paying dollars each year on monitoring the killing, breaking up ice for sealing vessels and providing search and rescue to the crews. The anti-seal hunt campaign has forced the price of pelts to drop by half, plus a global boycott of Canada's fishery exports. Though few Canadians support the mass killings of seal puppies, politicians fear losing votes in sealing regions that remain staunch defenders.

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# THE LEASHES END

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The total market value of the seal slaughter is \$2,168,000 and it costs the Canadian government \$9,000,284. Any answers would be welcomed.

Time to contemplate on the following from Albert Schweitzer. "Whenever an animal is forced into the service of men, every one of us must be concerned for any suffering it bears on that account. No one of us may permit any preventable pain to be inflicted, even though the responsibility for that pain is not ours. No one may appease his conscience by thinking that he would be interfering in something that does not concern him. No one may shut his eyes and think the pain, which is therefore not visible to him, is nonexistent." This quote should be in large letters at all the puppy mills and at the entrance to every animal circus in the world.

Peace to all living beings on earth  
Your comments are welcome  
- Ron Rowe, rhjrowe@aol.com

# Alchemy of Horses & Kids

by Heather Green



Heather with Ika, Mahala and Sim

My fondest memories are those that involved children. Even before I knew I was an animal communicator and healer, I volunteered at rescues and a local therapeutic riding academy. I was able to witness the magic in the bond between horses and kids. - a lightness and flow in the way they interacted - a secret language only they could decode. In every case, healing occurred. One case stands out involved a six-year-old, Matt.

When Matt started riding he was diagnosed as being on the Autistic Spectrum, as well as being physically handicapped. He had a rare neuromuscular disease that left both of his legs weak, and was often wheelchair bound. Matt's symptoms would range from temper tantrums to being completely unresponsive to the people around him. He was also unable to speak complete sentences, often only repeating the few words he heard others say.

Matt started his healing process by working with a bay quarter horse, Sally, an old mare and leader of the herd. If she doesn't like you, you definitely know it. She will nip, kick, or just plain ignore those who aren't on her fan list. Fortunately for Matt, he was! From the moment he spotted her across the arena, he pointed to her and said, "My horse." With that, she came right over.

After giving him a chance to interact with her over the gate, which led to grooming and touching her inside her stall, and eventually hoof picking and saddling her, the staff and I decided it was time to let Matt ride Sally. Sally had warmed up to Matt like no one else. Whenever he was around she licked and chewed, lowered her head, and often rubbed up against him. These were all signs that she was comfortable and fond of Matt - that she was submitting to him.

The riding was more amazing. They started off at a walk. Sally's ears were always turned around to give attention to Matt, and Matt would often lean forward and stroke her neck or put his fingers through her mane. Their breathing was rhythmic. At the end of their walks, Sally and Matt would connect head to head, often looking into each others eyes. At the end of one day, Matt's mother commented that she never saw

him focus his attention on anyone the way he did with Sally. When he rode, Matt was more present and grounded than ever. The movement of the horse, and the noises and physical sensations he experienced while touching Sally helped him to better process sensory input.

After awhile, Matt said, "Sally said I am ready to go faster now." As Matt gave the verbal command to trot, Sally's body moved into an easy jog. Even though Matt's legs were weak, he was able to hold his balance as Sally adjusted herself. Matt laughed and smiled while riding Sally, and his upper body lost much of the tightness he had when he came to his riding lessons.

As time went on, Matt continued to improve, and his relationship with Sally deepened. It was not long before he was cantering in the arena. The non-verbal and mental telepathy between them was evident as Sally easily switched gaits and stopped when Matt wanted her to. Matt explained that he simply asked her to do so in his head. It was clear that the repetitive movements were calming, allowing him to self-regulate his emotions and physical sensations. The changing of gaits was also a way to control the intensity of sensory input, leading him to feel safer in his body. His mother reported a decrease in his tantrums and an increase in his verbal skills, as he became more interactive after his lessons.

After two years of riding Sally, Matt no longer had tantrums, and was speaking and writing in school. He also had better balance, coordination and muscle tone in his legs from riding, and rarely used the wheelchair. Matt still rides Sally and their connection is still very strong. She is his teacher. When you pair horses and kids, nothing less than miracles occur. They share a bond and communication that takes them into a whole new world. A world of healing.

- Heather Green, www.tealhealing.com

# TAKE ACTION A RADIOACTIVE RUBBER STAMP

Nuclear reactors are inherently dangerous and a bad idea. Running old nuclear reactors 20 years longer than they were intended is an even worse idea.

But that's exactly what the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is determined to do.

Currently, the NRC is deciding the fate of over a dozen aging nuclear reactors in this



The 2007 collapse of a Vermont Yankee cooling tower.

country. Some of them are of the very same design and vintage as those that exploded and melted down in Japan. But the bureaucrats at NRC have NEVER denied a nuclear industry application for renewal. That's not a legitimate licensing process; that's a radioactive rubber stamp!

Right now there is more public awareness of the dangers of nuclear power than there has been since Chernobyl. The

NRC knows that people are paying attention and that it is supposed to regulate reactors and their deadly wastes. That's why we're asking the Chairman of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Gregory B. Jaczko, to put away the rubber stamp and halt the re-licensing of dangerous old nuclear reactors.

Join me and tell NRC Chairman Jaczko to stop re-licensing these dangerous old nuclear reactors.

The NRC did not even pause to learn the lessons of the Fukushima disaster. Within days of the disaster in Japan, the NRC rubber stamped the re-licensing of Vermont Yankee for ANOTHER 20 years.

It should not take a Chernobyl or a Fukushima on U.S. soil for government bureaucrats to regulate this dangerous technology. Please send a message right now to NRC Chairman Jaczko urging him to STOP re-licensing dangerous old nuclear reactors.

The NRC is supposed to protect the public health and safety. Rubber stamping nuclear reactors to run 20 years beyond their licensed life only serves to bolster the corporate bottom line. Together we have the power to change that.

TAKE ACTION, www.greenpeace.org  
Thanks for all that you do,

Jim Riccio,  
Nuclear Policy Analyst, Greenpeace

# Tourist Trap... Ojai's Disgrace, Public Restroom Back of Rains Dept. Store DISSSGUSTING...



Slippery Slope... Photographed Friday, Apr. 15

With the city of Ojai's Treasury swirling down, down, down... is it any wonder one of Ojai's cops waded in to the muck with a laudatory confirmation for The VIEW that Ojai could no longer afford to properly maintain it's public restroom... er... the Ivory Dias'?

Yes Ojai's budget is truly in the predicted deficit spending, Ojai attempted to get a bank loan last month (using City Hall as collateral) just so they could pay (among other major flushings) upcoming city Utilities... You know that fact of life we all deal with every

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month like the Golden State Water Bill! There is a water, er... money shortage, and perhaps Ojai is trying to SAVE the bowl, by not wasting water on such tawdry things as keeping the only public restroom in the arcade tidy for days at a time... for the townfolk and tourists...

Also (photographed here Fri., Apr. 15) using paper towels to attempt coverage of the (many months now) broken-shambles privacy shutters. Perhaps the \$160k outside contractor marketing geniuses at the Ojai tourists bureau can see it in their hearts to volunteer with a little potty chamber maintenance?

Special Thanks to Dennis Leary and Zorba for bringing this public poop to the attention of The VIEW so we could then bring it to the attention of the city and our loyal readers.

- Editor

# OVN RECYCLING?

•FOUND: 375 to 400 unclaimed issues of the Wed. Mar. 30 OVN Wed. edition.  
•WHEN: Fri. Apr. 1st (just two days after publication).  
•WHERE: Adjacent to Dumpster-Pat's Leary/Ojai.  
•WHY: OVN Happy News losing readership?  
•COMPLAINT: Lack of Content!  
•CONCLUSION: Advertised Circulation of 5,000 exaggerated...  
•EPILOGUE: Advertising rates for the OVN "Snooze" are not giving local businesspeople the bang for their buck that their high pressure salesmen are promising...  
- VIEW Ed.

See You in the Funny Papers!

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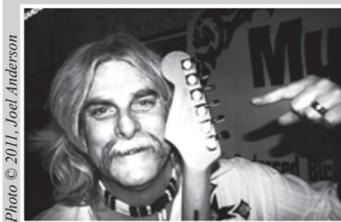
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MYSTERY BAND

The Mystery Band headlined by guitarist Garry Boyer and joined by Santa Barbara's Reed Burnham on bass, Rich Crawford on drums, with Rick Zavadil vocals and Carolyn Boyer singing back ups, are rocking classic covers for their fans.

Boyer is known for his heart stopping guitar riffs that dominate every performance. Every Thursday Boyer hosts a jam session at Club Take 2 in Ventura from 6pm to 10pm. The Mystery Band is also known as The Leftovers, with members comprised of artists from national bands. Catch them locally at Gigi's, The Red Cove and in T.O. at the Famous Lounge. Check their Myspace for dates and update. - Joel Anderson



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And when the war is done and ain't nobody won let's remember how we got here so it's the last time we ever come,

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And let's take back America.

Written by Willie & Amy Nelson on April 29th, 2007 at 3:03am on the bus in California, on the way to Coachella. For More information check out the Willie Nelson Peace Research Institute, www.willienelsonpri.com

VIEW Public Service Announcement



Brian Faith Band Electrifies Vta

with Free The People, On With Peace, Wake Me Up In The Morning, and their tribute to Michael Jackson, Michael. Watch for BFB appearing at The Golden China in Ventura and Blackbeard's BBQ (Ventura Harbor), where the BFB "energizers," have been packing the dance floors. Check music listings at The VIEW Online at www.OjaiandVenturaVIEW.com - Joel Anderson

The Brian Faith Band continues to bring "electric" rock to Ventura County. Check out their new videos I'm in Love, and Having Fun at the Brian Faith Band YouTube Channel. Don't miss their original Peace songs, as the BFB stays tuned in with international events



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Nektare

Continued from page 9... is pretty deep. If we can make someone dance, cry, feel relate ...it's kind of like a tribe and we're providing this music that is enriching for your soul."

Nektare has two albums coming at you soon. Apocalypse Butterfly is in the can and a second album is in the mixing and mastering process. Hold My Hand, a Nektare original is being cut into a video produced by Duke Hillinger with Naomi as assistant director. "There are a lot of bands out there," said Naomi, "Trying to do this thing, but no one does what we do. We're unique, different and special. We're here and we're gonna rock out tonight and people are going to love it."

Nektare has received numerous awards from the L.A. Music Awards, including Best New Artist and Best Live Show. Naomi has been nominated for Best Female Vocals and Best Female Front Woman for 2011. Catch her on the Red Hot Chili Peppers video, Tell Me Baby. info. www.Nektare.com Words and Photos by Mary Long/Joel Anderson

SUNDAY MAY 1 - 2PM SOULE PARK MEMORIAL

Sonia Miller and Wayne Ortman will be remembered by friends and family on Sunday, May 1st at 2pm, Soule Park. A Celebration of their journey in this life will be shared by those who loved them. Potluck offerings will be appreciated. A beer truck (with Wrist Bands) will be provided. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made at the Ojai Community Bank in the name of Sonia Miller and Wayne Ortman. For more information, please contact Skip at 805.207.6049



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VIEW Exclusive - Bowlful of Blues is Back

New Libbey Bowl to Host Fall Festival Photos © 2011, Joel Anderson

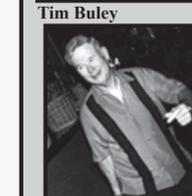
Recently I received a call from Michael Kaufer to cruise down to the beach area with him and check out The Tim Buley Blues Band at Capistrano's. Michael's Bowlful of Blues is back and the Tim Buley folks with be featured! After a move to Lake Casitas in 2000, then a return to Libbey in 2002, the Bowlful has been missed since 2006. The last Bowlful in 2005 was dedicated to the memory of Clarence Sterling, original cofounder of the Bowlful and longtime friend of Kaufer. Buley at keyboards and lead vocals is a blues man, make no mistake, having played the The Bowlful with the likes of Larry Nass, Pat Buley and friends.



Michael Kaufer sits in "Hand Jive" with The Tim Buley Blues Band



Steve Waxman



Tim Buley



Bill Flores

The other night, Tim's band covered such classics as The Eagles ~ Take it Easy, Midnight Hour by Wilson Pickett, Stones, Joe Cocker ~ The Letter, Smokey Robinson and The Imperials ~ You Really Got a Hold On Me, Born Under a Bad Sign (Booker T. and the MG's) and more for the happening fans... who included Sandi, and Tami, Jerry, Bill & Sue, (avid swingdancers), Britney and Jay Lynn... With all the new Libbey Bowl opening up for business around May 26, the return of the popular Bowlful will be welcome news to blues lovers and those looking for a great reason to visit Ojai on the weekend. Kaufer is close mouthed about the final details, but hinting at a 10-day festival in the fall. Stay tuned for dates and save those weekends! Tim Buley - lead vocals/bass/vocals, Steve Waxman - guitar, Bruce Stauphenberg - drums/vocals, Bill Flores - sax/guitar/squeezebox accordian. Also Look for Tim on acoustic guitar/vocals on Thursday Nights at Barrel 33, Ojai. Stay tuned to The VIEW for Blues Festival details. more info. www.TimBuleyBand.com



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IT WAS GREEK TO ME

BLP Continued from page 6...
and peer inside. "Okay, in here we have the food you ate and some triglycerides your liver made?"

The BLP Officer closes the bag and puts it on the conveyor belt. "Where is that going?" You ask. "To the liver." He replies then looks around. "Where are the rest of your bags? We need to check your Total Cholesterol."

You're holding up the line. A few minutes later the conveyor belt that took your triglyceride bag to the liver, reverses direction and brings something back, another suitcase. "Will you be checking this?" the BLP officer asks.

You feel puzzled, but he insists this second bag is yours too. You look at the tag. Sure enough it's got LDL written on it and in your handwriting. "I guess it's mine."

"You'll have to carry this one. Sorry, it's heavy. These lousy LDLs are never easy to get rid of."

Moments later you hear familiar voices. It's your whole family, mother father, aunts, and uncles... They are wheeling a very large cart. The BLP officer smiles. "Lucky you. This HDL cart will help you with this load."

He lifts the LDL bag onto the cart. Just then your triglyceride bag returns on the conveyor belt. "That can go on the cart too."

You hear overhead, "Lipos airlines flight 200, boarding."

"That's my flight." You check your ticket. It reads: Total Cholesterol 200. But what gate? What terminal?

You are alone now, but you see that the BLP Officer has written some words on your boarding pass, but it looks like your doctor's

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writing. It says, fibrate and statin drugs. Suddenly, you are in the pilot's seat. (Remember: This is a dream) You glance over at your co-pilot, who is the spitting image of your doctor. Feeling terrified you say, "I'm not a pilot or a doctor. I don't know how to fly this thing."

"Piece of cake! The important thing is to concentrate on what you have control over." He points to the instrument panel labeled: Total Cholesterol: triglycerides, LDL and HDL. "Triglycerides come from what you eat, but your liver also make them. Your LDL is influenced by genetics, but you can control it by losing weight, exercising, taking medication, eating foods rich in Omega-3s and cutting down on saturated fats."

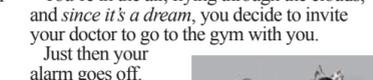
You reach down and turn the two buttons. They move easily. He points to the third knob labeled HDL. "These controls are pretty much set."

You reach down; the buttons move just at tad. "They're the fail-safe built into the system. You likely got them from your parents. Exercise will effect that knob, raise the levels."

Your doctor revs up the engine and begins the taxi down the runway. "Now what's so complicated about that?" he asks. You're in the air, flying through the clouds, and since it's a dream, you decide to invite your doctor to go to the gym with you.

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