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Ojai House

Naughty or Nice?



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Ojai Witch Hunt

Big City Policy Hassles Ojai Folks Property Rights Under Attack in the Little Country Town of Ojai

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When City Govt. Tries to Tell
Country Folk, Just What Country Is!

When big city govt. comes to the country, it's usually not a good thing. The following Statement, made recently at the Ojai City Council, is no exception.

Presented to City Council 12/13/11
My family has been verbally threatened by our city officials regarding the items we have had sitting in our garage area, some for upward of 20 years.

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Are You Next?



Larry King

Ho Ho Ho!!!!

Golden State Disinformation Water Survey.....

It's survey time. HO! HO! HO!!! Get ready---Ring Ring Ring! Run, get to that phone! Don't be disappointed if someone else gets to do the survey first. No crying now, everyone will get their chance. I know that's what Santa would tell me.

It's the holiday season. Who would interrupt during dinner like that? It will only take 15 minutes? OK.

A water treatment survey during the holidays? You want to know how I feel about Golden State Water Company (GSWC)? OK, now wait, you said this was only going to take 15 minutes, if I was to tell you how I feel about GSWC it would take more than an hour. OK I will try to keep it brief.

Let's see, GSWC is owned by American States Water Company (ASWC), a incredibly profitable private water company. In fact 80 to 85 percent of the revenue & income for ASWC comes from GSWC. One out of
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GET CORPORATIONS OFF WELFARE

and Off Our Backs!

Ojai City Council Raggedy Edge

Water, Water.... anything else on your mind when you get your mail and hope your water bill isn't in there?

Well, we do have some new Heroes in town. Pete Kaiser and the bunch on the board of Lake Casitas...

list goes on. Big bucks. Think the elite wealthy school board members can afford their own health insurance?

But back to the City, we are divided as to whether greater harm is done to Ojai by leaving all those store fronts empty or filling them with Formula stores like Patagonia.



Way past the time to fish or cut bait. We have a new Mayor: Mayor Betsy Clapp.

Libbey Bowl is still out there like an expensive harpoon albatross. City Council Health Care is on the list....

Instead, kids from the Nordhoff Music Dept. have to beg for money at Vons like Tiny Tim...

Really, no big box stores are really Green or Responsible enough to come to Ojai...like Chase, Bank Of America and Wells? What have we done recently that also repels businesses with backbone from trying out Ojai?

A wise person once told me, "Just because they won an election doesn't mean they know anything". So, why do we automatically assume that our Raggedy Edge Continued Page 4...

Your Local Main Stream Why U.S. Corporate-Media Editors Don't Get Fired

If you ever wondered why the corporate mainstream media chooses not to cover certain issues, won't print your letters, more concerned with puff than tough...

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Private Property Rights

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Why is my family being singled out? Why is my family being treated differently? When did we lose our rights to know who accused us?

What are you, the City Council, going to do when you get our 500 complaints? Are they all going to be treated the same way?...

No written communication...no citing of codes?

Or will they be swept under the carpet? Who gave you the authority to fine us \$1,000

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two pre-teen boys. Their back door is directly opposite the front door of a whacko - only twenty feet away - who is often out of control, causing the sheriff to take him away for 3 days at a time.

Two summers ago the whole place was dug up for months to replace our individual water lines. Piles of dirt insensitively placed made my entrance sidewalk impassible for several days...

kitchen. She has the collapsing foundation. Four to 5 years ago a major water line broke, between bungalows, down by the main building at night.

We now pay an extra \$10 per month for "increased utilities" although we do pay our own utilities except for water and outside lighting. As of this October the tenants have been subjected to eight inspections over the year, whereas I believe only one inspection per year is allowed by law.

October: Our last inspection was touted as "mandatory" and everyone was to be included. We were not informed, but only a "sampling" of units were actually inspected.

Three to 4 years ago... We were all forced to get assigned parking for our cars, then when two units were rented to couples with 2 cars per household, the parking policy was thrown out.

Tenants are not allowed to attach anything to their building so we can't get dish satellite - only coaxial cable - not the faster fiber optic.

One tenant tried to get management to fix a broken metal fence - was told it didn't belong to Whispering Oaks - by letter!, then when he put a satellite dish on the fence they said it was theirs.

The Pillaging Continues...

Your Taxes Pay Public Salaries. Ventura City Attorney (Ariel Calonne) Salary+Benefits ~ \$208,405. Ventura City Manager (Rick Cole) Salary+Benefits ~ \$185,345. Community Dev. Dir. (Jeff Lambert) Salary ~ \$171,265. Bldg and Safety Manager (Andrew Stuffer) Salary+Benefits ~ \$170,562.

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A crumbling masonry wall was partially removed and then the entire wall covered by a new wood fence, creating nesting places for lots of vermin.

It was told roofs were replaced by mostly out-of-town untrained workers who, when scraping the old roofing off failed to cover the vent pipes. This caused much debris to fall down into the vent pipes of water heaters and cookstoves.

Word was that another guy from Housing was miffed because someone called him about busted fire sprinklers instead of going through the chain of command - which never does any good.

- Orville Merryville, Ojai

Occupy Wall Street The Movement that Lacked Propulsion

When the last ember turns to ash, the Occupy Wall Street (OWS) "movement" probably won't even occupy a whole page in the history books.

Without a Cause, starring James Dean. OWS is but a few fractionalized pockets of angry squatters joined by houseless people, street entrepreneurs, and criminals pillaging within their own tent cities.

I fully support their constitutional right of free speech. But do us all a favor. If you want others to listen, please present a rational message in a few simple sentences.

Don't get me wrong - I'm not elated about how poor leadership and greed have turned the land of opportunity into the land of unemployment, inside traders, pension portfolio "cherry pickers", usury interest rates and exorbitant bank fees.

The biggest flaw with OWS is the lack of a proposed solution. Yeah buddy, I don't like greed either but what do you propose? Creation of the GPA (Greed Prevention Agency) probably won't get it done.

So what's an angry citizen to do? We feel really hosed but don't really know how or where to focus our anger. Acting out in a destructive manner won't work; just ask Ted "The Unibomber" Kaczynski who is still in prison for trying to improve this country one letter bomb at a time.

With any colossal problem, many years in the making, it is unrealistic to expect a quick fix. It will take a lot of focus and a lot more persistence.

Perhaps the misguided OWS squatters could consider the following.

Dear leaders at all levels of government: This country formed on the basis on freedom, integrity, respect for fellow citizens, and the "spirit" of capitalism by rewarding individuals for hard work (also known as the Puritan Work Ethic).

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Start by cleaning your own "home" first: remove all layers of insulation between the rest of the citizens and yourselves. These include your own health care system (full pension after one term in office), exemption from the do not call directory and insider trading laws.

plate dinners. Hold those accountable who violated the spirit of the laws in this country and harmed others. Learn to say no to single issue political bullies. Before you leave your home every morning, reread the oath you took when you were originally sworn into office.

To my fellow citizens: Start with yourself. Stop being greedy with your time and personal energy. Stop blaming the government for your poor decisions. Quit asking our government to take care of you. Help your neighbors in need. Pay off your debts instead of complaining about the high interest rates.

Lastly, ask not what your country can screw up for you but what you'd like them to stop doing altogether. We have nothing to fear but our fearless leaders who think they can do what they want and retain their office. Oh yeah, and we the people for allowing it to happen.

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Eyeless Lady Ghost Seen Again at Olivas Adobe



A local acquaintance visited the historic Olivas Adobe, recently. He was in the beautiful Rose Garden, when he turned and saw a woman standing behind him with her arm out stretched.

There were only empty sockets where eyes should be. The ghost was seen by two others five years ago, but this was the first sighting in 2011 of the mysterious specter. The witness is part Native American and it is possible that he saw the figure because of his heritage.

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Why Ventura is The Broke Capitol of the World?

Who's Money is It Anyway?

The City of Ventura LOST \$10 Million Dollars over 3 years ago (well before the recent economic crash), through their ambitious high-risk investment plan; having placed precious taxpayer dollars with Bear Stearns (BS) private assets, which went belly up in the JP Morgan fiasco.

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

From The Mid 30's To The Late 50's



MID-LIFE "Mid-life crisis" has become a household word. When we see our mid-life friends and colleagues behave in odd and surprising ways or when depression, despair, anxiety and hypochondriasis hit, we quickly diagnose it as a mid-life crisis.

It is not, however, only a "modern crisis." As early as 1300, Dante, when he was 42-years-old, expressed his own mid-life crisis in the opening stanzas of his Divine Comedy: "In the middle of the journey of our life, I came to myself within a dark wood where the straight way was lost."

Depression and other symptoms are necessary as powerful incentives for renewal and change. In mid-life we must make our fears our agenda (more on that in a later article). No change will occur if we see our life as problems caused by others!

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(1) Individuals in the first group deny getting older through "Frantic Activity". They run from meeting to meeting, phone call to phone call, T.V. show to T.V. show unable to sit still and relax.

(2) People in the second group also deny getting older and do it through "Overcompensation." These are the 50-year-old men with chains around their necks chasing 20-year-old girls, or 45-year-old women on their 15th plastic surgery.

(3) "Decompensation" with the psychological symptoms like depression, psychosomatic illnesses and anxiety is what happens to the third group. Usually individuals in the first two groups end up here as well.

(4) Finally there are some who might spend time in the first three groups, but don't get stuck there. They are different insofar as they take time to sit still, to be quiet and listen to messages coming from within - including dreams, fears, intuitions, imaginations, visions and what Levinson calls "other voices in other rooms."

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

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Ojai City Council RAGGEDY EDGE

Continued From Page 2... elected officials have an average IQ, have the ability to understand complex issues, and aren't biased or paying off political favors, and have a good moral balance?

California Cities are having trouble with Fiscal and Moral balance: Ventura being one of the worst but those folks down there must have salt-water on the brain... they keep electing/supporting the same crooked individuals. Ventura has become Pottersville in fact with no cuts in city staff salaries, unnecessary parking meters, high rents, myriad empty store fronts of their own. These big city imported cancers have resulted in a neglected quality of life for the 99%, with code enforcement that preys upon those least able to pay - helps them into the grave even. It's NOT A Wonderful Life there except for the crooked politicians and their crooked L.A. developer friends... the paid for suck ups worshipping a false god, the golden calf. Ojai it might appear, could easily fall into the well too.... Lock Step.

Still tho, Ojai should consider itself lucky. We have escaped most of the problems the other cities are faced with. Don't get me wrong - we have plenty of issues with our elected officials and City staff, but not to the degree of other "SMALL TOWNS".

Our City seems to be like a kid at a Buffet: faced with so many choices, issues, factions, conflicts, cohorts and options that it can't make any one choice stick - civic gridlock. We have become the City of NO-Jai by default!

Council meetings easily go 4+ hours only to have staff say we'll be back with more information next time.... Often the issue and information is forgotten by the next meeting, if not the next minute. Instead maybe staff, when they get the tough questions, should not be allowed to say "we don't have enough information" and hide out on the BE-Back Bus. Seems like council is always waiting for staff to be-back with the rest of

the information. Maybe the council should have 1/2 as many meetings, that go shorter. Heck, I can't go anymore. My Arthritis and Bursitis bother me too much.... 4 hours. My Kidney and Bladder protest and can't stand it either.

A few gift ideas: Maybe council should first get complete reports or complete options from staff to then be able to vote meaningfully and move on to the PEOPLES BUSINESS. Instead, staff directed by overly influential folk hold back pertinent information before the agendized item and the bus has to be backed up yet again.

Staff should be restricted to the agenda only once a month and be allowed to complete their thoughts. Have Public Works at Council once a month, have Parks and Rec there only once a month. Finance might have to be there each meeting because the cat is already out of the bag, but the rest can wait.

No more "last minute" stuff that is always pushed through incomplete. I also don't want to waste your time telling you what Council couldn't do because they didn't get the information.... can you think of what they did get done this year?? On the other hand, why does council always need it now?

We do have one staff member, Steve McClary, asst. to the city manager, whose doing an outstanding job! He's taken on the effort, doing well in answering the tangled web of paper filings and protests to the Public Utilities Commission, (P.U.C.) to protect the residents of Ojai from the outrageous and egregious bulldozing perpetrated on the city of Ojai by Golden State Water.

What's on your Wish List? How about patching the potholes, paying back the.... it is \$4 MILLION "borrowed" for the Libbey Bowl? We kinda overspent to only have 4-5 programs swirling the Bowl this season - some were real losers. No planning and last minute promotion by the city. On top of that the rotated-out Mayor orders the Homeless shipped out of the park by law enforcement. Now, is that really in the holiday spirit?

\$4 MILLION - How much road paving could we have done with that kind of money - \$4 MILLION...lessee? We could have paved, Drown, Montgomery, Shady maybe Fox and Bald. We seem to have all kinds of money for all the wrong things, like extravagant, bronze plaques immortalizing the elite "A-List" in Libbey Park, instead of the dedicated who have performed there over the years.

Then, you have to ask yourself: if term limits are good enough for our national President, then why not for the Ojai Council too? Think how long Flag wavin' Joe hung around, still seen ducking for cover every now and then. I think at the end of the year the city should release a goal-oriented list of changes and decisions they actually accomplished. Also list those that were discussed or were on an agenda and didn't get complete and how long they've been waiting to still be completed.

Writing this fishwrap is pretty depressing, as this is the year of the do-nothing Congress. I hope this isn't a start of the do-nothing DECADE for the Ojai City Council.

I thought when the City passed the Blighted Building Ordinance, the obvious vacant commercial buildings would be spruced up? It will take a hundred years or so for the old bowling alley to Rot to the Ground.

Instead, the Ojai code enforcement don legislates from his truck, singling out and discriminating against whomever he or she likes - longtime taxpaying homeowners included. Perhaps Code Enforcement honcho Brian Meadows who lives in Ventura doesn't live far enough from Ojai - perhaps a Santa Monica live and work situation would suit him better. Carpentry?

What the City needs to do is make things easier. A few LEFT TURN SIGNALS on Ojai Avenue. I ride my Bike east past City Hall to Signal St., making a left in front of the Post office. There is a real problem there: sittin' out in the middle of the street is like being a sitting Duck. Someone is going to go straight through the intersection and take out a Flock of Bikers like Bowling pins. Result?

We will have a couple years of council discussion and still get nothing done.

Is it true? The G.C./CREW is planning on knocking down more nice historic trees in Libbey Park, habitat for the Barn Owl? Perhaps concrete channelizing the baranca, room for more LA condos? Soon there won't be a tree left standing, save the Grants where the top people make the big salaries and the kids who do the work get minimum wage and a few leftover pats on the back.

Water. Did I mention water? Guess not. Golden Slick Water did! They have a Sham Political Consumer Protection Outfit sending out Slick Glossy mailers.... how much expense did they add to your water bill for that? Now they have a new Disinformation Survey (like they really care about the ratepayers...) It would be interesting to find out just how much your water bill has and will increase... all for GSW to hold back the inevitable.

They will lose. They will lose the Ojai Valley as a Monopoly to SQUEEZE AND SQUEEZE TIGHTER, run people out of town with increased costs that make our already tight business community less and less competitive then continue to dramatically lower your property values.

Lower our property values?? Ask a Realtor how many people are asking about Utility costs before they buy, more than ever. We do have some nice homes in the immediate areas around Ojai that have a Water bill 1/3 of Golden Snakes Water Co. Why not move just a block over in the Arbolata, looks the same, but OH SO much Cheaper. Wonder if they get to ask more for their homes because they DON'T HAVE GOLDEN CHARADE WATER CO. Never thought that could be a big plus. I guess that works for rentals, where the landlord pays the water. Meiner's Oaks could change the name to Ojai Oaks and no one would even know the difference, except for a 2/3 reduction in water costs.

Hang 'em High! - Dick Lynch

Wine And Roses



by Ron Rowe During the Christmas season there is so much blather going on with how to give a politically correct greeting. Politically correct people say, "Happy Holidays" for fear of offending people who are not Christians.

What is so offensive about wishing someone a Merry Christmas? I wouldn't be offended if people wished me, Happy Holidays or Happy Hanukkah all whatever else. It's the intent and the other person's belief that matters. Why one should be offended if he or she doesn't believe in Christmas is beyond me.

With everything being forced to change in schools and cities; "Parade of Lights" instead of Christmas Parade, the mayor of New York lighting a "holiday tree", no carols or Christmas stories in schools or libraries, let's hope they don't start changing the Christmas songs. Imagine hearing Bing Crosby singing, I'm dreaming of a white holiday.

Let us all show a Little Christmas spirit this season, be more tolerant and loving to each other, respecting each other's traditions, or Santa won't visit you. Shakespeare wrote a brief sonnet on Christmas. That time of year thou mayst in me behold, When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang Upon those boughs which shake against the cold, Bare ruined choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.

December 22 is Winter Solstice Day. Bounce, buckram, Velvet's dear, Christmas comes but once a year; When it comes it brings good cheer, But when it's gone it's never near.

If you are at a loss on what to buy the lady in your life for Christmas? Buy her a Haute-Joillerie ladies wristwatch, complete with 51 carats of cut diamonds. This 18 karat gold watch is on sale for only \$560,000. Or how about a 17th-century leather volume, includes all of Shakespeare works. This is one of only 80 folios in the world, selling for only \$190,000.

My favorite gift is a Buddy Wilds kickstand desk set. It's designed for cycling enthusiasts who want to enjoy the comfort of peddling their bike whilst they do office work. It's a multitask desk, which is why I call it a Buddy Wilds desk as he is always doing two things at once. He is a multitasker. You place the bicycle on a stationary training stand and set the adjustable desktop to the right height. You can then peddle away whilst paying your bills or checking your computer, if interested check out www.kickstandfurniture.com oh, it's on sale for \$1,500.

Need money? Try going to your local bank. U.S. banks had a

record \$982 billion in cash at the end of October. According to the Federal Reserve, the banks have more than three times the cash they had in July, 2009. Fears of financial instability and European debt have led to a surge in deposits.

Step aside Ted Turner. Media baron John Malone, the owner of Liberty Media, is now the single largest landowner in the U.S. with 2.2 million acres, the equivalent of three Rhode Islands. The number of wireless devices in the U.S., such as smart phones, tablets etc. now exceeds the number of Americans. Every year China cuts down an estimated 3.9 million trees to produce 58 billion pairs of disposable chopsticks contributing to the country's rapid deforestation. Half of the chopsticks are exported to Japan, South Korea and the U.S.

China and India will account for 25 percent of all global energy used this year. By 2035, the two nations will consume a third of the world's energy. The key components of the new San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge (including a mile long table made up of 137 steel sinevs) were manufactured in China. The state says it has saved \$400 million sending the work to China....

Beware of contacting blackberry neck. It's a pattern of unsightly creases and wrinkles caused by spending hours looking down at smart phones.

Modern art continues to baffle me. A cleaning woman ruined a \$1 million art installation at a German museum by wiping out what she thought was dirt and mud. The odd piece was entitled When It Starts Dripping From The Ceiling by Martin Kippenberger. It was a tough painted to look as if it had been stained by rainwater. The cleaning lady scrubbed the trough clean. A museum spokesman said it has completely ruined the art piece and was impossible to return to its original state.

In New York, artist Marni Kotak is going to give birth to a baby in the Microscope Art Gallery. It will take place in a special birthing room. The audience will witness the birth. Marni claims going into labor in front of a crowd will prove real life is the best art. The work is entitled The Birth of Baby X. Her other performances were losing her virginity in "a sunny blue Plymouth" and the re-enactment of attending her grandfather's funeral. Ah the mysteries of modern Art.

Looking for a good champagne to celebrate the new year? Try California's Chandon, Cuvée Brut, a crisp clean wine, Iron Horse Cuvée Brut, Green Valley, a steady stream of bubbles, enjoyable apple and pear flavor. Roederer Estate GovBrut, Anderson Valley, one of the world's greatest values, a steal at \$18. Mumm Cuvée Napa Blanc de Blanc, intensely wonderful wine, clean and intense.

Good advice on opening your New Year's champagne. Popping champagne corks are barbaric. What you must do it gently fondle the neck of the bottle, slowly easing the cork out so that it is finally released with an erotic side.

A very happy Merry Christmas to one and all. Happy New Year. Your comments are welcome Ron Rowe, rhrowe@aol.com



Olivas Adobe Eyeless Lady

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had a message for him, he wasn't about to hang around and find out what it was. He ran to his car and left.

Who is the strange phantom and what is her story? Some believe she was a Native American who worked at the home as a servant girl or cook. But, why does she have no eyes? What outrage could account for the loss of her eyes? The Olivas Family was known to be both kind and fair to their Native American workers, with many staying with the family for years, even when they lost their wealth.

What ever happened to the poor girl? It is unlikely it was caused by the Olivas Family. What ever happened to this poor woman is a story that needs to be discovered.

In several investigations conducted at the Olivas Adobe this Fall, several unique events were witnessed. A strange flute was heard on the grounds. Flutes were sacred to the Chumash people and may have something to do with the apparition of a native servant girl.

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A misty apparition was seen running along the outside of the walls that surround the courtyard. The image was wearing a white dress, but too far away to see if she had eyes. A strange figure was seen on the balcony wearing a white long dress, and a figure was reported looking out the kitchen window on the first floor.

Other strange events - lots of misty things appeared in cameras along with mysterious "orbs" that might be dust or moisture. Several reported feeling touched with a very feminine caress. One young woman, mocking the spirits of the Adobe, felt her long hair pulled as she was leaving.

The events linked to the eyeless lady seem to be on the rise at the historic and haunted site in Ventura. If anyone visiting the place has seen, heard or experienced anything else, please feel free to contact me on Facebook: Richard Senate Ghost Hunter.

- Richard Senate, hainthunter@aol.com

Event Calendar

Table with columns S, M, T, W, T, F, S and rows for Dec 2011 and Jan 2012.

• Mondays - Praying Moms, Leis Hall, Ojai Valley Community Church. INFO: OJAI VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 907 EL CENTRO ST., OJAI, WWW.OVCC.ORG, 646-4324

• thru Jan. 15 - "Small Works" - Beato Gallery, Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts, Our "Small Works" exhibition presents the opportunity to support the arts while giving unique holiday gifts. INFO: BEATRICE WOOD CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 8560 OJAI-SANTA PAULA ROAD, OJAI, 646-3381

• thru Jan. 29 - The 18th De Colores Art Show, Santa Paula Art Museum, Colorful & stunning, the final De Colores Art Show celebrates contemporary art by So. Cal. artists which expresses the Latino experience, culture and history. INFO: SANTA PAULA ART MUSEUM, 117 N. TENTH ST., SANTA PAULA, 525-5554

• thru Feb. 26 - Art About Agriculture, Santa Paula Art Museum, features art by over 45 artists working in both two and 3-D media who create art that in some way draws its inspiration from our agricultural heritage and/or contemporary agriculture. INFO: SANTA PAULA ART MUSEUM, 117 N. TENTH ST., SANTA PAULA, 525-5554

• thru Dec 29 - EXHIBITION: ELANA KUNDELL - PAINTING MUSIC, Artamo Gallery, S.B., Imaginary environments, based on emotional rather than physical spaces. Music, playing a tremendously important role in Kundell's paintings, has been inspiration for her wishing to produce art & transcendental art. INFO: ARTAMO GALLERY, 11 WEST ANAPAMU ST., SANTA BARBARA, 568-1400 WWW.ARTAMOGALLERY.COM

• thru Dec 31 - OJAI CELEBRATES ART IV, Ojai Valley Museum, Juried exhibition of Fine Arts with an open theme. INFO: 130 W. OJAI AVENUE OJAI, CA 93023 640-1390

• Dec. 23, 7:30pm - A Tommy and the High Pilots Christmas w/ spec. guests, Lobero Theatre, Santa Barbara, the critically acclaimed Americana pop-rock four-piece has been touring the country non-stop for the past three years. John Palmentieri hosts the event which will benefit the Unity Shoppe. INFO: WWW.LOBERO.COM, 963-0761

• Dec. 24/25, 5:00pm - Christmas/Eve Services, Ojai Valley Community Church, Christmas Eve Service. INFO: OJAI VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH, 907 EL CENTRO ST.,

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The Implosion

The Republic was controlled by the Senate, which was an assembly of 300-900 elders dominated by the upper-class families. This dominance by the aristocracy led to tensions between the social classes, especially among the lower classes who fought for equality in both the economy and the government. - Fall of Ancient Rome Source: Elsbet Smith, Sweet Briar College www.students.sbc.edu/smith04/ancientrome.html

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GSW "Survey" A HoHo Holiday Joke

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every 30 Californians is served by GSWC. Did you know that in Ojai, customers pay 3-4 times more for water with GSWC as compared to other water providers!

Golden State really likes doing business in California, they just sold Chaparral City Water Company in Arizona for 35 million. It wasn't profitable enough, too many regulations they say. Now they are going to invest the 29 million in cash they received from the sale, into capital improvements in California and make 8-10 percent on their money. That almost 3 million a year in profits. You know I sure would like to be able to make a guaranteed profit like that on my money. My savings account pays .5 percent. It doesn't seem fair does it?

Well there is the state agency called the CPUC (California Public Utility Commission).

The CPUC serves the public interest by protecting consumers and ensuring the provision of safe, reliable water service and infrastructure at reasonable rates. Of course, I call the CPUC the California Private Utility Commission.

That is because they seem to protect the profits of the private water utility more than they do the reasonableness of rates to the consumer. Otherwise Golden States rates would reflect the other water providers.

Yes I know who Casitas Water is. I received water from them for 13 years. Good water provider. Their water rate for the first CCF is only \$0.83. Golden States is \$3.80 with surcharges for the same amount. Bah Humbug to Golden State!!

Casitas is not regulated by the California Private Utility Commission. They have elected board members that are accountable to their voters. Casitas provides safe reliable water at very reasonable rates to their customers. They are a great municipal water district. Casitas manages and maintains their water system in the best interests of consumers. There is a stark contrast between Casitas Water and Golden State. Golden State cares about profits.

Mr. Rep. Elton Gallegly (R-Thousand Oaks)? I think I called him with concerns about our water rates, but they did not seem interested. They said it was not a federal problem.

Mr. Sen. Tony Strickland (R-Thousand Oaks)? Yes, I have contacted his office. I know! He is the State Senator who received 100 turkeys from Golden State Water to give to the less fortunate. Do I get a turkey for answering this survey??? No! Well I hope this is for a good cause. You know those turkeys will be paid for by the Golden State Water customers. Golden State has figured out how to manipulate most expenses, they might be making an 8-10 percent profit on the cost of the turkeys also.

Ojai Flow? I have two of their signs in my front yard. It Says "OJAI FLOW Stop the Golden State Water RIP OFF!" Darn proud to have them there! There are hundreds of these signs throughout Ojai.

What! You said that Ojai Flow is part of a national organization? How well do you know the people of Ojai Flow? You don't! Where are you getting your information? You could not be more wrong!

Ojai Flow is a local group of Volunteers, they are not paid for what they do, they do it for the good of the citizens and businesses of Ojai. Golden State is the one that is part of a national organization of water companies, American Water Works Association.

Golden State is the one that was caught taking no bid contracts and now owes the rate-

payers in Ojai 12 million dollars. They tried to hide it and got caught by a former employee that reported it.

Golden State is the one who wants to replace pipelines that have no history of leaks rather than replacing lines that have a history of leaks. Golden State is the one caught charging customers for rate increases for infrastructure replacement that was not being done. Golden State is the one who wants to install a well at \$2.25 million that is not even needed. Golden State is the one that charges customers when we conserve or mother nature provides water for our gardens and landscape. Golden State is the one who cares more about profits than reasonable rates for their customers.

Wait a second??? Something is strange here. Yes that's it. You mentioned Ojai Flow was a part of a National Organization. That is the same comment that was made by Mr. Robert Sprowls, the President and CEO of Golden State Water. He sent out a letter to Ojai customers to discredit Ojai Flow and deceive customers in Ojai. Just like that Attorney Joe Con nor, that GSWC hired for probably tens of thousands of dollars, most likely at our expense, to scare the customers in Ojai about eminent domain, even though it is part of their contact with



the City Of Ojai. Maybe they are making 8-10% on his costs also. It would not surprise me!

Now I get it! You are doing a survey for Golden State Water Company aren't you? This is just like the Glossy flyer they had sent out but denied knowing anything about! We may have paid for that to.

These are the same tactics that Cal Am Water used against the community of Felton in their fight to take back their water system. Felton won and now they are reaping the benefits.

I thought you said this was a water treatment survey!!! You have to go? Wait don't you hang up on me. We have not finished the survey. I told you this would take more than fifteen minutes. Click! Hello! Hello! At least you could give me a turkey!! OH well! I wonder if that was Mr. Sprowls I was talking too? At least I got my 2 cents worth in.

Happy Holidays Everyone! Jon Whaley, Ojai

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The Failed Promises of Genetically-Modified Crops Around the World

by Alasdair Coyne



Genetically-Modified Organisms

A newly-published report entitled *The Global Citizens' Report on the State of GMOs* has cast doubt on a number of the promises that accompanied the widespread introduction of GMOs (*Genetically-Modified Organisms*) over the past few decades.

These promises included higher yields than conventional crop varieties, less need for the herbicides used to kill weeds in the fields, and drought-resistant potential.

"Contrary to the claim of feeding the world, genetic engineering has not increased the yield of a single crop", says the report. **Monsanto's Bollgard variety of genetically-engineered cotton** has failed to deliver the promised higher yields; in fact, claims in **India for Bollgard** yields of 1,500 kilos per acre have fallen flat in the face of actual average yields of 400-500 kilos per acre.

A study in 2008s *International Journal of Biotechnology* concluded that any financial benefits of growing **Bollgard cotton** had been eroded by the need for increased pesticide

purchase and use. (Bollgard professes to protect cotton against the bollworm pest.)

In 20 years of real-world experience with genetically-engineered crop varieties, only two specific characteristics have been widely developed—herbicide tolerance and insect resistance.

Herbicide tolerance, as exemplified by **Roundup-Ready** genetically-engineered crop varieties, has produced a **Franckenstein** scenario where many weed species have actually become resistant to the weed-killer **Roundup**. These weeds now infest 15 million acres of U.S. farmland (that's about 23,000 square miles), requiring farmers to resort to spraying stronger weed-killing chemicals. **Roundup Ready** crops in the U.S. are established on a massive level—90 percent of our soybeans, and 70 percent of our corn and cotton.

A 2011 international study found that genetically-engineered crops used 18.7 percent more herbicides than conventional crops. (*PG Economics, UK*). The **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)** found that genetically-engineered crops used 26 percent more pesticides than conventional crops.

There are also health effects becoming evident from the consumption of genetically-engineered foodstuffs. A **European** organization got hold of and published **Monsanto's** own 2002 previous studies on rats fed 3 varieties of genetically-engineered corn—the data demonstrated *adverse effects on the kidneys and the liver, organs that detoxify our bodies.*



One company quit developing genetically-engineered peas (after 10 years of work) when they found that the peas caused lung damage in mice, according to the *New Scientist*.

And it's not just people and mice that we need to consider—a 1999 study in *Nature* found adverse effects on monarch butterflies from the pollen of genetically-engineered corn. The only sure way to avoid consuming genetically-engineered crops is to buy organic.

But even the organic label is not 100 percent safe anymore. Genetically-engineered seeds have been found contaminating conventional and organic food crops in tests, because the **GMOs** do not stay tidily in the fields where they are grown.

In Canada, 90 percent of sampled **non-GMO** answer the question asked. I'm reminded of the story of a child who inquired, "Mom, where did I come from?" She took a deep breath and explained the birds and bees in great detail. The kid looked confused. "No, I mean; one of my friends said he was from Chicago. I was just wondering where I came from."

—Mary-Jo Murphy, MS, RN, CDE, Health and Diabetes Educator Motivational Speaker mjmurph221@yahoo.com

BIRDS, BEES, AND CHOLESTEROL

by Mary-Jo Murphy

Recently, I accompanied a friend to her doctor's appointment. A year ago, she was diagnosed with diabetes, my specialty. She is what Dr. Jerome Groopman and Dr. Pamela Hartzband refer to in their book, *Your Medical Mind, a doubter*. Over the past year she reluctantly embraced treatment. With medication and life-style changes, she's lost 30 pounds and returned her **HbA1C** (a test that predicts diabetes-related complications) to well below recommended levels. She's a success story. So why was I not surprised when she declined to receive the flu and pneumonia vaccines her doctor recommended?

Because, as a *doubter*, she's also a profound *skeptic*. She questions not only the benefits a therapy offers but also the harmful consequences. I, on the other hand, am what the book calls a *believer*. I approach my options with a sense that somewhere there is a successful solution for my problem.

The authors also define people as *maximalists* and *minimalists*. A *believer* can shun high-tech intervention and have a strong belief in the healing power of nature. Or a *believer* can embrace modern medicine's latest technology. *Maximalists* believe that *more treatment is the best approach* and that doing less is shortsighted. *Minimalists* will embrace *only such treatments as are absolutely necessary*. *Doubters* are usually *minimalists*. That's my friend. We become *doubters* because of various life experiences—we saw someone suffer from too much care, the wrong care or care that fell short of expectations.

Groopman and Hartzband tell us that another powerful influence on our thinking is the "focusing illusion." When considering a decision about a medical treatment, we focus on the future and a particular aspect of our life that would be negatively affected by the proposed treatment. What we *might lose* becomes the main factor in our decision-making. The book validates the difficulties many of us face in the health care arena—our *doctors' recommendations, dissenting expert opinions, confusing statistics, sensational media reports, our friends' advice, Internet claims and drug company ads*. Conflicting information pulls us back and forth.

That's how we make health decisions for ourselves but what about for our children? Two hot topics in the news caught my attention recently: *cholesterol screening for children* and the debate raging over the **Center For Disease Control's** recommendation for boys 11 and 12 to receive the **HPV vaccine**.

Both decisions force a parent to look into the future, a future they may not even live to be part of but which their decision will undoubtedly affect.

In one case, the testing for cholesterol, the parent can find out if their child is at risk for heart disease. This week, on CBS news, **Dr. Holly Phillips** stated that 12.5 million kids in our country are obese, but not all have high cholesterol.

The testing will give parents a heads up, so that they can intervene with healthful diets and exercise before changes to the blood vessels occur. To discover your child may have a higher risk of heart disease may be disturbing, but it's a warning that could lead to positive changes. As I said to my friend when she was going for her blood test, "It's information. It's not a judgment; it's just information." Driving on the freeway the other day I saw a billboard that read, "He's off to college. It's too late to talk about alcohol." How true! We parents have our chance to speak and I listened to before our kids hit puberty. After that, we're out; it's their peers.

So what in our *medical mind* allows us to process the yucky subject of a *vaccine to prevent a STD*? How do you look into the eyes of your prepubescent child and explain that they, as well as over 50 percent of their friends, could someday be infected with a virus that causes: *oral, cervical, penile and anal cancers*? How do you discuss the need for this vaccine, when 11-year-old boys think that girls have "cooties," and girls their age think that boys are "gross"???

How about simply telling them that the vaccine they are receiving prevents cancers caused by a virus? Now, you may have to clarify what cancer is, maybe even what a virus is. I suppose it's possible that an 11-year old will press for details as to how the virus is transmitted. Good. In that case, you and not their peers, get to be the one to explain. Remember though, it's always good to start simple, and only



Tips from the Shut Up Guru



Dali Mama Sutras

Final guide for the spiritually challenged & confused!

by Dvorahji (aka shutupguru)

Well My little darlings, it's the New Year once again. Here are my new Spiritual Suggestions for good measure. Namaste.

1) I encourage all to have FUN! Fun is profound, not frivolous. Fun is moving on & on & on with a twinkle instead of a twitch...

2) Spirituality has become so complicated, so conceptually stuck & intellectually superior. Seekers are looking for God, Love & Grace in the strangest places. **The Shut Up Book** (www.shutupguru.com) is actually a Guide for Spiritual Dyslexics. A Spiritual "Special ED book" for all those Who've given UP on ALL this Enlightenment Nonsense & FINALLY want to be FREE! Darlings, Wake Up! You're tripping...

Canola Seed had **GMO** contamination, against which there is no defense. A U.K. study found genetically-engineered canola cross-pollinating with conventional canola crops over 15 miles away. In some instances, organic farmers have even lost their organic certification because their crops were unintentionally contaminated with **GMOs** from other farmers' nearby fields.

The repercussions can be even more serious, though. Contamination of conventionally-grown rice in the **South** by **GMOs** led to **European, Japanese and Russian** buyers halting their imports of U.S. long-grain rice. **11,000 U.S.** rice farmers sued the producer of the **GMO** rice, and won a settlement of **\$750 million** from the **Bayer** company, said the *New York Times* on **July 02, 2011**.

Our planet's heritage of food crops is also at risk of being changed forever. In **Mexico**, where **GMO** corn is illegal to grow, *Nature* (the scientific journal) reported in 2001 that contamination by **GMOs** had been found in an area where the greatest diversity of native corn varieties is located. This means that the building blocks for all future corn breeding for our planet have now been genetically contaminated. This cannot be undone. The **Mexican** government called it "the world's worst case of contamination by genetically modified material because it happened in the place of origin of a major crop."

The **European Union** has been the major holdout against **GMO** crops. Only a tiny percentage of **European** farmland is planted with **GMO** crops and public opposition to **GMOs** remains strong. Sixty-five percent want **no GMOs** and fully 95 percent support the **European Union's** mandatory labeling of all foods containing **GMOs**. The exception is that the import of **GMO** grains for feeding **European** livestock is allowed, and the resulting meat and dairy products do not require a **GMO** label. (70 percent of their animal feed is imported, mostly **GMO** soy and corn from the U.S.)

—Alasdair Coyne, www.SespeWild.org

living in misery and drugged on possibilities. Your only real hope is to STOP HOPING and be WHERE YOU ARE AT!... then watch things change as they naturally bring hope and new possibilities.

3) From: Sasha: Dear Dvorahji: God, what a day today!!!! Goddd, so much love, so much Love,, (thank you:;) PLease, God, could it be permanent:)

Darling Sasha:: Let me scream this at you from the rooftops ok? LOVE, PEACE, FEELING GOOD, SEEING ANGELS, HAVING VISIONS, FEELING GOD, GOOD DAY, BAD DAY, IT'S ALL LIKE ONE BIG ORGASM - IT COMES AND THEN IT GOES!

Your problem is begging pleading, crying, praying for it to stay and thinking God has forsaken you when it goes - IT IS THE NATURE OF EXPERIENCE NOT TO STAY, whatever that experience may be, gross or extremely subtle. Do me a favor. Give up "trying to feel good" and just enjoy it when it happens. Can you do that? My Darlings, when will you get it already! Be Happy (accept) that whatever happens is FABULOUSLY RIGHT, DELICIOUS, OK, PRIMO, EXACTAMENTE. You can STOP BEGGING, hoping and praying. Be STILL. STOP already and know that YOU ARE THAT. HAPPY NEW YEAR Darlings..... Yo dali-mama www.shutupguru.com If It Could be Different-It Would Be different and since it's not - Relax, or have a fit, either way, IT IS AS IT IS.

Does Ojai have a Future in The Arts?



Artist Valerie Freeman at The Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts

Now is the time—a new generation of artists have taken up the path of Beatrice Wood and others, addressing social, political and relevant concerns of our time.

The **Beatrice Wood Center for the Arts**, unassuming on the approach up the drive, unfolds as a bee hive of creative art activity, free discussion, education, and commitment to the arts. The center is not just a gallery, not just a studio, not just a workspace, but also a crucible and sanctuary. Free thinking artists, writers, and patrons of the arts are encouraged to mingle—absorb, and be absorbed. This against the natural much untouched backdrop of the Upper Ojai—Happy Valley.

Artist **Valerie Freeman** creates expressive refined art. She is inspired by life and the natural world she seeks. Her work is collected and exhibited internationally. She recently won First Place at **The Ojai Valley Museum** for her ceramic piece, *Blue Bolt*. The sculpture is currently on display at the museum, through Dec. 31.

Back to Happy Valley. Look just a little closer, imagine... Beato holding court, greeting all who visited, with her luminous smile, laughing eyes, quick wit, and sultry charm. She loved being the center of attention (probably still does...) - on stage, was always engaging and well within reach of an array of

prismacolor, letters, close friends and always was her work. Remember... and the Dada movement, of which Beato was a part, was anti-war, not always popular in our Warlike economy.

Originally the center was established with an undercurrent of compassion toward women's suffrage and supportive of an India free from oppressive British colonial rule, as Annie Besant envisioned the center is a place which would usher in a new progressive way of thinking.

To say that "real" art (not just the all-too-common garden "sellable" variety) can move people and challenge the world is an understatement.

Although we all know Ojai galleries are filled with real estate-inspired art, meant to sell Ojai and its expensive architectural altars to the world, Ojai is much more than that.

A true and discerning art collector knows, after all that "art" is not just something placed on the living room wall, painted with the singular intention of intermingling with designer furniture, designer colors, designer ingress and designer people. True art is found only after diligent committed searching. The gift of art—Ojai has long been known as a center for the arts and artists, much of it found just below the ever glossier surfaces.

Every once in a while serious "art" appears in the more restrictive galleries not typically known for risking controversy. On Oct. 13, 2009 the well-documented Ojai Bear was killed. Main-



Artist Thomas Sherck and his "Furn-Art-ure"



Sue Halstenberg's Musical Mermaids

stream media liked to describe the killing using the soft term "euthanized" to cover for what was actually incompetent mismanagement on the part of California

Fish & Game (F & G). The hurried insensitive methods by F & G, who are supposed to be "experts" in the care and management of our wildlife, drew an immediate and massive public outcry. This enabled The **Ojai Art Center (OAC)** to go out on a limb, hosting **Artist Sylvia Raz'** show one year later to remember. The piece (above), Whinnie the Pooh crucified on the cross



Sue Halstenberg's Whimsical Rockin' Mermaid

(entitled "Cry, my eyes"), and the recent exhibit/event (see page 8) asks us to redefine our interplay and responsibility with the natural world around us. Several artists had also made statements, including originally, **Sculptor Mark Benkert** who lives across the street from the killing. If you aren't comfortable with these "art" statements, then maybe you are *too comfortable*.

There are a few more artists out there worthwhile, but you must seek them out in the down to earth places. **Ted Campos**, who regularly exhibits his paintings at **Ojai House**, also has that connection to the

natural spirit world. His exclusive work can be at once thought provoking, sometimes reflecting the quirkier side of our nature.

William Prosser also exhibits oils on canvas at **Ojai House**: his often themed around fairies in the woods. Take a magical journey if so inclined.

Sue Halstenberg is currently exhibiting paintings at **El Giardino Restaurant**: whimsical musical mermaids and such. She has a really great natural studio with tremendous inspirational views at her exclusive magical **Ojai East End** location. Her artwork is available to show by appointment (www.suehalstenberg.com). Her great paper and Giclee prints are also available

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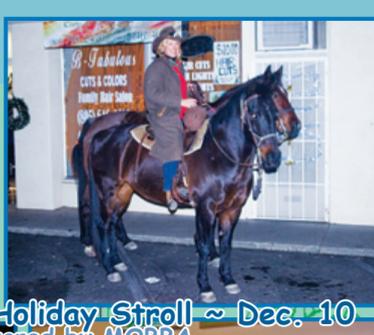
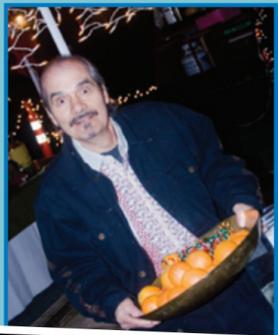
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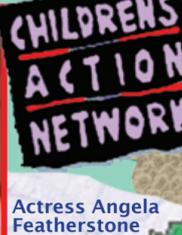
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Shawn and Larry King Host Children's Action Network Holiday Wreath Party

Ojai Artist Sylvia Raz recently participated in a fabulously high-profile event Dec. 6 for Children's Action Network (CAN) at Larry King's house in Beverly Hills. Renown Designers and Artists created magnificent Holiday Wreaths, which were auctioned to generate funds for the organization, which raises awareness and find homes for the more than 107,000 youth in the foster care system who are in need of adoptive families. The event raised close to \$75K. It is well documented (<http://journals.cambridge.org>) that, without a stable home and positive parenting, children often tragically suffer from the effects for the rest of their lives. Said Raz, "I was touched by the work of CAN and immediately thought of putting children's faces - as if on a Ferris wheel - where some are upside down. The viewer - as in life - really has to make an effort to see their faces. To know who they are, you have to adjust your perspective. Behind the beauty is a story and each face represents a child in a position to be loved." For more information on this worthy event, and the groups efforts, www.ChildrensActionNetwork.org - Joel Anderson



Ojai Artist Sylvia Raz shows her creation, entitled "Odds & Ends". Photo © 2011, Meghan Beirle O'Brien



Gary Gibson's Wreath



Mary McDonald's Wreath



Lulu Power's Wreath

Display - Art Protest at the Ojai Center for the Arts

The bear event.....this is what happened. I had an installation in one of the Ojai Center "windows". It commemorated and celebrated the lives of the bears of Ojai. It intended to protest the unnecessary killing of innocent animals. Two years ago a bear came down the mountains to feed, and instead of being removed to his natural habitat, it was killed. Some months ago, another bear was shot when he came down to eat a chicken in a badly constructed coop, leaving a beautiful animal left to die in the mountain, and an orphaned baby bear. My feeling is, we live here in a place that's akin to paradise, and the animals were here before us, and we are proud to have them in Ojai. Can't we be more compassionate and smarter in the way we treat them? If we want chickens, can't we build bear proof coops? Are chickens more important than bears, because we eat them?

The installation consisted of a crucified bear, being mourned by a large group of teddy bears, being guarded by the executioners (the chickens), with hoods and revolvers. Visitors to the exhibit were invited to express their opinions in a notebook, in poetry, prose or drawings, and these were shared at the reception, on Dec. 3. The title of the exhibit was "Dies I. rae- Kaddish", which are Hymns in Latin and Hebrew recited in honor of the dead. I'm committed to do this every time a bear is unnecessarily killed in Ojai, because I believe certain deeds call for a reaction, and this sometimes very cruel society calls for strong reactions. The work is a combination of ready made and conceptual as well as found objects art, where at the same time I clean the world up a little bit. I feel strongly that we must intervene to educate the people and especially the authorities that make wrong decisions about our treasures in our blessed surroundings. Thank you very much, and have a very happy new year. - Sylvia Raz, Ojai



The crucified Thatcher Bear mourned by a community of beloved Teddy bears, the kind people like to buy from stores.



Ojai residents Barbara Hirsch (The Bear Truth We Need Compassion) and Alice Rene (Be Your Best Leave the Beast) at the gathering.



Ventura Poet Joyce Lombard reading from her own "Bear Poems", with the artist and Ojai resident Susan Williamson.



Ojai resident Linda Epstein holding a "friend"



Elizabeth Espinosa, Donna Antebi, Shawn King and Helen Kumari



Karyn and Sylvia Raz



Ron Allen's wreath, designed with Dawn Moore in mind



Grey Crawford, Artist Sylvia Raz, Meghan Beirle O'Brien, and Dawn Moore! Photo © 2011, Toujours Magazine (Grey and Meghan are the Co-Founders of the On-Line Magazine Toujours who Commissioned Sylvia For This Event!!!)



Shawn King, Christine Chiu, and guests

Peace on Earth

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THE LEASHES END



Ron and his companion, Dudley. by Ron Rowe

According to a pet insurance research company, Rottweilers topped the list as the clumsiest canines. Over three in five will get into an accident, which puts them ahead of last year's clumsiest dog, the chocolate Labrador.

After mapping mouse chromosomes, evidence indicates humans may share 98 percent of our genes with mice. This is only 1 percent less than the variations between humans and the chimps.

The City of Glendale has approved a ban on the retail sale of dogs and cats within city limits. Welcome Glendale in joining other cities in the U.S. by saying no to puppy mills and yes to adoption.

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Miracle Massage advertisement listing services like Acupressure, Deep Tissue, and Herb, with contact info for Ojai.

Ruben's Burritos advertisement featuring a 15% off coupon and contact information.

industry. The City Council of West Hollywood passed an ordinance banning the sale of fur apparel. The first such law in the nation, it bans the sale of new clothing made in whole, or in part, from the pelt of an animal with hair, fur or wool.

Looking for a good gift to give a Horse lover? Buy The Infinite Magic of Horses by Candida Baker. It's a moving collection of stories about the way horses help, teach and enrich their human partners.

The champion goat at the Colorado State Fair has lost his title after failing a drug test. The goat, named Theodore, was declared grand champion for his size, 83 pounds and general condition.

John Williams was involved in a high-speed police pursuit. He failed to convince a Cleveland Ohio magistrate that his irrational behavior was due to the recent death of his pet parrot.

Because of a flourishing trade in Exotic Animals there are an estimated 5,000 privately owned Bengal Tigers in the U.S. There are only 3,500 Bengal Tigers left in the wild.

Dining in Paris and Rome? The European Union located \$5 million

there to promote the eating of insects as a cheap low-fat protein. Research Leader Prof. Marcel Dicke, professor of Entomology said it will start with ground-up insects in sauces and burgers and in a few years you will be buying insects in supermarkets.

If you have just welcomed a new puppy into your home, I suggest reading, Your Outta Control Puppy by Teoti Anderson. It contains a wealth of information for the neophyte dog owner.

Male crickets risk their lives protecting their females. Researchers videotaped crickets in the wild for thousands of hours and discovered that, if a predator attacked a cricket couple, the male would wait until his partner reached the safety of a burrow before taking cover himself.

The sadness of old age: an elderly Englishman, Alfred Spence, age 93 had been dropping his mail off for three years into a box on the street, set up to collect dog poop. He

was finally alerted to his mistake by a friendly passerby who informed him that the box was not to collect mail, but a receptacle for dog poop. Poor Alfred admitted he had very poor vision and went on his way.

Time to prepare Dudley's dinner, and to think on the following, Humans aren't the only species on earth, they just like to act like it.

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



Greeting Card Available at Ojai House



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Ortiz Nursery advertisement for B-FABULOUS Family Hair Salon, offering 20% off every Thursday.

B-FABULOUS Family Hair Salon advertisement listing services like tint, nails, hair cuts, perms, and treatments.

Ojai House advertisement for a new vintage upscale section, offering unique gifts and American-made items.

Rent This SPACE For \$19.99 an Issue advertisement for 5 issues, with contact info for 640-8439.

Oaks to Ocean Monument Inc. advertisement specializing in laser groups, pet memorials, and markers.

HAUL 'N THINGS' Full-Service Debris Removal advertisement by Claudio Cortinovis, available 24/7.

Holy Shift!

The 22nd Annual Ojai Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball & Art Show - Sat. Mar. 3, 2012

Our Ojai Mardi Gras Art Show, an exhibit and for sale at the Art Center Gallery the entire month of March 2012, and our family-oriented "Fais-Do-Do" Dance Party at the Art Center the following Sunday, March 4th with Zydeco music, dancing and fun for the whole family—bring the kids in costume!

2012 THEME: "2012: Mayan Mystery - HOLY SHIFT! It's 2012!" Enter the Mystical Mayan Portal and discover what lies ahead of The Holy Shift. Artwork by Mardi Gras Artists will be exhibited and for sale in The Gallery, March 4 through March 31.

Since 1990, Lyle Matthews, deceased OMG founder, New Orleans ex-pat, and artist extraordinaire, is honored each year by friends and Krewe members in our annual tribute to the Spirit of New Orleans Mardi Gras with a rollickin' and rollin' Masquerade Ball featuring the all-star "Ojai Mardi Gras Band," annual musical guest.

The Ojai Mardi Gras Wake-Up! Krewe is a California Public Benefit Nonprofit Organization whose mission is 1) to produce the Ojai Mardi Gras Masquerade Ball, an annual event that brings together many creative artists and musicians from Ojai and the surrounding area to benefit persons, families or organizations with a serious medical and/or financial need.

Join us! Stretch your imagination and creativity! Laissez les bons temps rouler! ("Let the Good Times Roll!") More information: Search Online for Facebook Ojai Mardi-Gras Art Fools

Arundo Peace Sticks!

The County has sprayed a chemical cocktail nine times in our watershed in a failed attempt to eradicate the arundo, and the plant just keeps growing back. They've sprayed over 3,000 gallons so far, and they plan to spray again in March 2012.

Even on Monsanto's own Material Safety Data Sheet for Aquamaster, it states: "Keep out of drains, sewers, ditches and waterways."

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), glyphosate, the main ingredient in Aquamaster, is "toxic to aquatic organisms." It also states, "Do NOT let this chemical enter the environment."

According to Dr. Don Huber, an agricultural scientist and expert in microbial ecology, glyphosate, which was supposed to just be killing weeds, is systematically killing us humans as well as the beneficial microorganisms in the soil.

"We no longer have the same balance that we used to have. Consequently, we see an increase of over 40 new plant diseases, and diseases we used to have under fairly effective control, which now all of a sudden is another serious problem," says Dr. Huber.

Worldwide, plants are becoming resistant to glyphosate, and superweeds have been created, just as superbugs have been created by pesticide use. We humans are suffering from pesticide poisoning, while the chemical corporations are making billions of dollars on pesticide/herbicide sales.

Symptoms following exposure to glyphosate formulations include: swollen eyes, face and joints; facial numbness; burning and/or itching skin; blisters; rapid heart rate; elevated blood pressure; chest pains, congestion; coughing; headache; and nausea. It is also linked to chronic health effects including Parkinson's Disease and several types of cancer.

Dr. Mae-Wan Ho, a world renowned geneticist and bio-physicist, and director of the Institute of Science in Society: "...The evidence on the dangers of glyphosate and its commercial formulations continues to pile up and a worldwide ban is in order..."

There is an answer. Instead of waging war on plants (and ourselves) with toxic chemicals, two young men are making peace sticks out of arundo. Shine and Evan Rilling, broth-

ers and talented young musicians in the Ojai band, Blackfeet have created a game with the intention to create peace. (Check out www.PeaceSticks.com)

"By simply sharing our full presence in movement, in the moment with another human being, and feeling the miracle of life together, we can create peace," says Shine.

Arundo can be utilized in so many ways. Portland General Electric is utilizing arundo as biomass for biofuel to get off dirty coal by 2020. Arundo is edible and medicinal. It is made into musical instruments, clothing material in Italy, and is also used as fencing and building material in Mediterranean and Asian countries.

Let's join together as a community and let Supervisor Steve Bennett know that we want to get off the chemical treadmill. There are healthy alternatives to toxic herbicides. (Manual removal and tarping are effective, non-toxic ways of controlling arundo, and in the meantime, let's make peace, not war!)

Patty Pagaling, Alliance for a Pesticide Free Ojai Valley www.pesticidefreeojaivalley.org

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- Dec. 31, Starts at 8:15pm - Santa Swing - Dance Workshop & New Year's Eve Party - Carillo Ballroom, Santa Barbara, Lindy Hop/Swing Dance workshop and New Year's Eve Celebration! All ages and levels of dancers. Midnight toast to ring 2012. Party attire is not required but encouraged! INFO: WWW.SANTASWINGSB.COM • Dec. 31 - 8pm - "Molly's Revenge" 3rd Annual New Years Eve Party, Ojai, presented by The Ojai Concert Series. A wild Irish concert, finger food, desserts and waltzing till midnight! Bring family, friends. INFO: OJAI VALLEY WOMAN'S CLUB, 441 E. OJAI AVENUE, OJAI, SHANE: 665-8852, WWW.OJAICONCERTSERIES.COM, TICKETS: CARDINAL BROTHERS MUSIC, SERENDIPITY TOYS, • Dec. 31, Begins 6pm - Le Canary Noir... 3 New Year's Eve Parties in 1, Canary Hotel, Santa Barbara, Ring in 2012 at Santa Barbara's favorite New Year's Eve celebration. Sophisticated soiree on 3 party levels of the hotel... Elegant cabaret attire encouraged! Go all out with ALL-ACCESS for the last party of 2011 on the coveted rooftop Perch, turned VIP Terrace for the evening VIP festivities on the Perch from 8pm - 12:15am, include live entertainment by DJ Rouchie, festive Parisian cabaret-inspired activities & special twists. Guests indulge in French-inspired hors d'oeuvres & gourmet pastries while sipping Champagne & savoring specials on signature martinis. Access to all levels of the festivities unfolding below in Coast & the Ballroom Lounges. Live it up in Coast Restaurant & the Ballroom Lounge: 9pm - 1:30am w/live perf. by indie cut favorites, the Leftover Cuties, & DJ Sparx spinning on the dance floor in the lounges downstairs.

- INFO: WWW.CANARYSANTABARA.COM, (877) 548-3237 • Dec. 31, 8:30pm - New Year's Eve Pops Concert, The Granada Theatre, Santa Barbara, Party hats, tiaras and noisemakers provided, enjoy the musical celebration. Ring in the new year w/style - & be sure to order your tickets early - always a sell-out! INFO: 1214 STATE ST., SANTA BARBARA, 899.2222 • Dec. 31, Midnight to 1pm - New Year's Eve Retreat with Elissa Zimmerman & Paul Perrotta, The Ojai Foundation, As the prophecies of many nations come together, we are preparing to meet 2012 with open arms. The new paradigm is at hand. Earth Mother is calling for us to step into our destiny, & realize "the immensity of being human." Ceremony and celebration as we gather together to let go and receive. Grateful to be offering a day of council, teachings and ceremony, beginning at Noon Dec. 31, in the Council House. Entering the sweat lodge after sundown, ending our gathering in early afternoon of the 1st. Looking forward to dancing in the magic with you Love, Elissa and Paul. INFO: 264-7138, OR EMAIL PAUL AT EAGLEBEARIVE@YAHOO.COM, ELISSA AT ELISSAZ50@SBCCGLOBAL.NET

- Jan. 5, 5:30pm - A Night with Picasso at the Lapin Agile, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Dramatic reading of excerpts from Steve Martin's comic play that tells the hypothetical story of Pablo Picasso & Albert Einstein meeting at a Paris bar & the debate that ensues. Includes cash bar. INFO: SBMA.NET, 884-1654 • Jan. 5, 7 - 10pm - Maya Cosmovision 2012 w/Miguel Angel Vergara - Understanding the Sacred Wisdom & Prophecy of the Maya, The Ojai Foundation, Miguel Angel Vergara has long been dedicated to sharing the Sacred Wisdom of the Ancient Maya with the world. As the Earth & Humankind transform from a consciousness of separation to a consciousness of Oneness, the teachings of the Ancient Maya are available to help each of us find our path & personal contribution to this evolutionary process. Great cycle of the Maya Calendar is coming to an end & we are now faced with the extraordinary opportunity of creating the next cycle. The Ancient Wisdom can help us learn to do this with consciousness to make the coming new era one of peace, love, and harmony with Mother Earth. We are delighted to bring this great wisdom teacher here. INFO: THE OJAI FOUNDATION, 9739 OJAI-SANTA PAULA RD., OJAI, 646-8343

- Jan. 6, 8pm - Hot Tuna (Acoustic) and David Bromberg (Quartet), RENT THIS SPACE for \$10 an Issue When Pre-Paid for 10 Issues Call 640-8439 The Only True Local Newspaper advertise@ojaiandventuraview.com

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Lobero Theatre, Santa Barbara, after selling out the Lobero in 2011 & 2007, Hot Tuna (Acoustic) and the David Bromberg (Quartet) once again show Santa Barbara an unforgettable evening of folk rock & blues.

David Bromberg, a master of almost any instrument with strings, is also at home in musical styles from country-swing to Dixieland jazz, blues to gospel. INFO: WWW.LOBERO.COM, 963-0761 • Jan. 7, 4:30pm - Special Event: The Unconditioned Mind book presentation, Krishnamurti Foundation, Ojai, David E. Moody, Ph.D. presents his new book, The Unconditioned Mind: J. Krishnamurti and the Oak Grove School. Moody was the first academic teacher at Oak Grove School & subsequently served as ed. director and as dir. of the school. Free Event, Donations welcome. INFO: KFA, 1130 McANDREW RD., OJAI, 6462726

• Jan. 7, 7pm - Kids Helping Kids: Sara Barelles & Tyrone Wells, The Granada Theatre, Santa Barbara, Grammy-nominated Sara Barelles feat. as the headliner of Kids Helping Kids' annual benefit concert. All proceeds go directly to charity, including the Unity Shoppe. Tyrone Wells will open. INFO: 1214 STATE ST., SANTA BARBARA, 899.2222, WWW.KIDSHELPKIDSSB.ORG

• Jan. 8, 1:30 - 4:30pm - Studio Sundays on the Front Steps, Santa Barbara Museum of Art, Visitors of all ages welcome to participate in this hands-on workshop w/SBMA Teaching Artists on the Museum's front steps. Free. INFO: SBMA.NET, 884-1654

• Jan. 8 - 15th - Study Intensive & Retreat: Awakening Awareness Through Listening, Krishnamurti Foundation, Ojai, This is the 8th year that the Krishnamurti Foundation of America is offering this unique 8-day Study-Intensive Program that is designed to provide an opportunity for a deeply immersive study of the life-changing teachings of J. Krishnamurti, within a nurturing atmosphere of encouragement, affection and support. INFO: KFA, 1130 McANDREW RD., OJAI, 646-2726

• Jan. 13 - Fri, 3pm - Winter Cruise Ojai Valley, McDonald's Parking Lot on Highway 33, Second Friday of the Month. • Jan. 14, 5:30 - 7pm - Steve James, American Blues Roots Acoustic Master, Goleta, Perf. for the SB Blues Society (SBSB), Warren Hall, Earl Warren Showgrounds. Renowned singer, songwriter, & guitarist Steve James. His S.B. & SBSB debut! INFO: THE SANTA BARBARA BLUES SOCIETY, 722-8155 WWW.SBBLUES.ORG, INFO@SBBLUES.ORG

• Jan. 14, 15, 2pm and also at 7pm - Hairspray, Lobero Theatre, Santa Barbara, In 1962 Baltimore, Maryland, teen Tracy Turnblad's

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Art and Propaganda

Propaganda was without a doubt an important part of ancient Rome. It is through it that we see how art was manipulated by the ruling body in order to entertain, to revive traditional values, to gain support for military campaigns, to encourage unity, and above all to portray not only the emperor, but the imperial family as strong, moral leaders that are faithful to the people.

From sculpture to architecture, the Romans left behind a legacy of art both intricate and monumental, peaceful and courageous mostly in an attempt to gain the love and support of the masses.

Source: Elsbet Smith, Sweet Briar College www.students.sbc.edu/smith04/ancientrome.html

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A general address to the council. Thank you for the opportunity. I was wondering, Some of the issues before the council relate to budget.... relate to this air.... this feeling of scarcity. My question is why is there... what happened to the money? The richest country in the world... the richest state in the United States. Where did the money go? As legislators I feel it's important that you answer that mystery.

Because we have money to blow up places in other parts of the world, to seize resources... We have money to subsidize corporations, to fund shady financial organizations, to give them fees or whatever.

At the same time it seems like there is an intentional defunding of government at the federal, state, county and municipal level with the intention of turning the assets... the public assets and service, over to the private sector so that they can hire workers without benefits and the pensions; people have gotten accustomed to and deserve.

So my question. Is this council, at this level, the municipal level complicit in that long term trend or are they willing to address these issues and take it to whatever level... state, federal, county level and to get the revenues where they have collected? It's not a question of money. It's a question of where'd the money go? The money's been concentrated in fewer and fewer hands, and the revenues haven't been collected from those sources. So I ask that the council consider that.... when there is this fiction of scarcity being perpetrated.

- Derek, Ojai

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her immigrant parents, the Yale Law School professor didn't allow sleepovers, play dates, or other leisurely staples of American childhood & instead pushed her daughters to achieve. INFO. WWW.ARTSANDLECTURES.UCSB.EDU OR 893-3535 • Jan. 17, 7:30pm - Collaborators, Lobero Theatre, Santa Barbara, Moscow, 1938. A dangerous place to have a sense of humor - or even more, a sense of freedom. Playwright Mikhail Bulgakov, living among dissidents stalked by secret police, has both. Then he's offered a cup of poison: a commission to write a play about Stalin to celebrate his 60th birthday. Inspired by historical fact, Collaborators embarks on a surreal journey into the fevered imagination of the writer as he loses himself in a macabre and disturbingly funny relationship with the omnipotent subject of his drama. Blistering new play by Transpotting screenwriter John Hodge depicts a lethal game of cat & mouse through which the appalling compromises, humiliations inflicted on any artist by those w/power R held up to scrutiny. Alex Jennings (The Queen) plays Bulgakov & Simon Russell Beale is Stalin. (195 min. / one intermission) INFO. WWW.LOBERO.COM, 963-0761

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dream is to dance on The Corry Collins Show, a local T.V. dance pgm. When Tracy wins a role on the show, she becomes a celeb overnight, uses her star power to affect social change. INFO. WWW.LOBERO.COM, 963-0761

• Jan. 14 - Speed Dating Wine Tasting, Casa Cassara Winery & Vineyard, Buellton. For a different spin to the usual speed dating format all dates, ages 21-35, paired w/wines. As the buzzer rings through the evening you will not only change dates but also wines until you have sampled all flavors! At the end of the evening, fill out a card letting us know if you would like to see any of your dates again. If matched up, we will exchange your info, & wish you the best on your dating adventure. Wine tasting begins when the dating begins, but guests R invited to buy wine by the glass before & after the event. INFO. 291 VALLEY STATION, WEST OF HWY 101 ON HWY 246, BUELLTON, 688-8691

• Jan. 14, 3pm - An Afternoon with Amy Chua, author of Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother, Santa Barbara, UCSB Campbell Hall. In her runaway NY Times best-seller, Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother, Amy Chua wrote a witty, provocative, deeply personal account about the rewards - & costs - of raising her children the strict "Chinese" way. Following in the footsteps of

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tion & Friendship Fund, non-profit orgs. providing life-changing opportunities for children to recover & learn from the tragedy of war. INFO. TICKETS: 805-963-0761 OR VISIT WWW.LOBERO.COM

• thru Jan. 21, 7:30pm - Turtle Island Quartet - Matilija Auditorium, Ojai. Classical/jazz fusion trendsetters Turtle Island Quartet celebrate the music of Jimi Hendrix with their dynamic Have You Ever Been...? INFO. MATILJA AUDITORIUM, 703 EL PASO DR, OJAI, 646-3381 WWW.PTGO.ORG

• Jan. 21, 8pm - Reinventing Radio: An Evening with Ira Glass, UCSB Campbell Hall, Santa Barbara. Creator of the public radio show This American Life talks about his program & how it's put together: what makes a compelling story, where they find the amazing stories for their show, how he and his staff R trying to push broadcast journalism to do things it doesn't usually do. As part of this, Glass mixes stories from the show, live onstage, combining his narration with pre-taped quotes & music, recreating the sound of the show as the audience watches. Private post-event reception for Producers Circle Members w/Glass. Generously supported by Christine & William Fletcher. INFO. TICKETS AND INFORMATION: WWW.ARTSANDLECTURES.UCSB.EDU, 805-893-3535

• Jan. 21, 9pm - Kid Fix Mix, UCSB Campbell Hall, Santa Barbara. Family Fun series event, NY Intl. Children's Film Fest., A kaleidoscopic showcase of the best short films & animations from around the world. Entertaining mix of a dozen musical & narrative shorts offers a delightful experience for all ages. Audiences will thrill to the antics of hip-hop cats (All That Cats), a young girl & her balloon (The Yellow Balloon), a group of friends living together on a beautiful tropical island (Saari), a bird struggling to find his voice (Whistleless) & more! (Various directors, 65 min.). Generously supported by Orfalea Foundations. INFO. TICKETS: TICKETS AND INFORMATION: WWW.ARTSANDLECTURES.UCSB.EDU, 805-893-3535

• Jan. 23, 8pm - Kathryn Schulz Being Wrong - Adventures in the Margin of Error, UCSB Campbell Hall, Santa Barbara. Kathryn Schulz, journalist, author & public speaker with a credible (if not necessarily enviable) claim to being the world's leading wrongologist. INFO. TICKETS AND INFORMATION: WWW.ARTSANDLECTURES.UCSB.EDU, 805-893-3535

• Jan. 26 (8pm) - My Fair Lady, The Granada Theatre, Santa Barbara. One of Broadway's enduring clas

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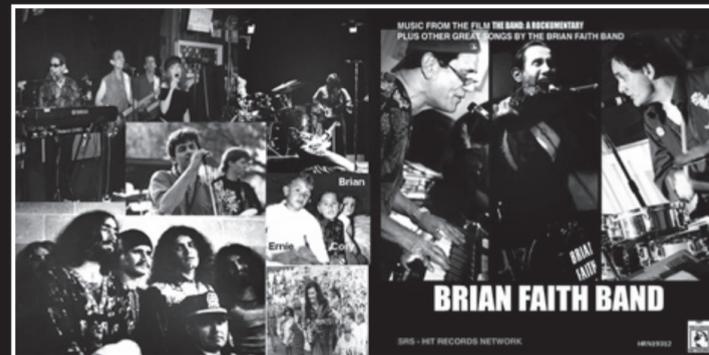
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The Brian Faith Band (BFB) is off to a head start on what promises to be a very busy musical year, having just announced a full feature-length film, The Band: A Rockumentary. Now in the final post production stages, the film is already booked into several film festivals across the nation. The one hour film documentary, produced by LilliMar Pictures' John Ferry and Grace De Soto Ferry (www.LilliMar.com), details the generational story of music as the fabric of a supportive family, as well as a tenacious band. Early musical beginnings credit the bands father, Joseph Orosco, who entertained troops while serving active duty as an interpreter in the Navy during WWII. He was stationed on the ship, the U.S.S. Belle Grove (LSD-2) off Iwo Jima during the crucial 1945 battle. While landing troops on the beaches during the battle, Joseph witnessed the historic raising of the flag on Iwo Jima. He also provided much needed respite from the troops' battle fatigue, as a musician/guitar player and singer. He also picked up a lot of the country classics, from the troops who signed

up for the fight from all over the United States. Joseph passed away in 2002, and was followed by his wife Esther on Oct. 4, 2011. So soulfully depicted in the film were the family, social, political, and musical ties as the band and family developed over the years and continues to evolve to this day. Their New LP, also titled "Brian Faith Band: Rockumentary", will be available in January on Amazon. It contains all original music, including bonus hits (Meet Me At The Corner, You Are, Forever), and several previously unreleased recordings as well as new songs. It is anticipated that BFB will be Touring the Film Festival circuit in the coming year. New YouTube videos also include Emotional Arrest, With You, Timeless, and ESP. All can be accessed at www.youtube.com/user/brianfaithbandsongs. The band is also producing several new original videos, soon to be uploaded there. These songs include Forever, Running, Feel Alright, and Clouds.

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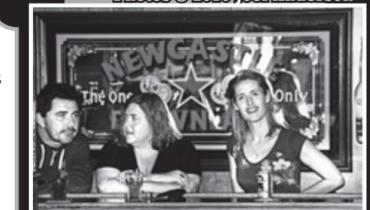
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Prison: Living in the Material World were released to critical acclaim this fall. Hugo is his first in 3-D, taking viewers on a thrilling journey to a magical world based on Brian Selznick's award-winning, imaginative New York Times bestseller, The Invention of Hugo Cabret.

Does Ojai have a Future in The Arts?

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able at Ojai House, Soul Centered, Janis' Art Workshop, Things from Heaven (Ventura).

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There was, however, a comet in time when Artist Carmen Abelleira-White's Studio Art Detour offered a fresh alternative to the artificially high-priced art commonly offered, but the group core was eventually



Well there are still no murals here, and one that was painted by William Dorsey has been painted over. Seems like Ojai is way behind the times, lacking support for all but mostly inhibited watered-down artists.



After Ojai city leaders shut down the artists' mural ideas, many amazing artists left town and have done quite well in the national and international art world.

repetitively staged back arcade area, the penile monolith at Cluff Vista Park and the hurrying horse at Rotary Park. Recent impositions have included the horrendously too sophisticated Libbey Sound arch, bad energy; - too much saum authority energy shutting down spontaneous musical and art activity at Libbey...very stifling, and of course the repetitive dead-life condos just east... ack.

Ojai isn't the top of the art world. It's not because the artists didn't try, but because "public" art was placed "second" to that which was sanitized by inelegant business and political interests with sketchy appreciations for art.

The cheapening of the arts ensued and, in order to survive, many artists had to acquiesce. Many thrived... economically at least, save their soul. Others retained their dignity and sought other markets online, out of town or at the few real galleries which were left.

That's not to say art is not now being produced from Ojai's ashen past. Check out Artist Bonnie Miller. She is doing cool "mosaic carpet balls". There are three at Vicki's Pink Thrift & Vintage Store.

McEuen is said to have recently fulfilled a commission promoting Sony's new Playstation. Something edgy to do with an Umbrella Mobile, vinyl pillows, wallpaper, hand-stitched fabric, felt, etc.

- Joel Anderson

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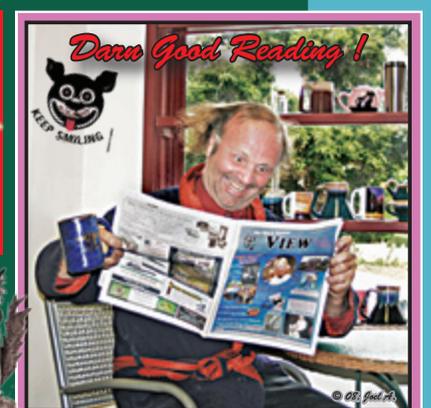
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