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**Check'n Dat
Phone Bill****R. Ellis Smith**

The city of Ventura sent me an e-mail since I had opted out of their illegal taxation on the 911 fee and instead decided that I just wouldn't be calling 911 anymore. If I run into a need for assistance I will fall back to what we used to do in the "olden" days, I will call either the police department, the fire department, or the **City Hall**.

The e-mail they sent suggested that because they were in such a hurry to siphon off more money from the citizens of Ventura they may have "screwed up" and some of the folks that opted out of the illegal 911 fee would still be getting charged for it, they did promise that each of those folks would be getting a refund in the future. (*Don't hold yer breath*). I decided to check my bill and see if I was getting stuck for the illegal tax. If I was I was simply going to deduct that amount from my bill and pay the balance. There was no additional charge on my June bill, I will be checking the July bill.

I did however finally read the entire AT&T bill... man what a surprise. Out of my total bill for June of \$86.73, which includes high speed internet and long distance charges, there were also the following "**Government Fees and Taxes**".

- Federal subscriber line charge \$4.00
- Rate surcharge \$.39
- State regulatory fee \$.05
- Federal Universal Service Fee \$.50
- CA high cost fund surcharge (A) \$.03
- CA high cost fund surcharge (B) \$.13
- Universal lifeline telephone service charge \$.31
- CA relay service and communications device fund \$.05
- Local government fee \$1.49
- 911 emergency system \$.13
- Federal \$.96
- Local \$1.23

These are for local service.

- Here are ones for Long Distance.
- Carrier cost recovery fee \$1.49
 - Fed Universal service fund \$1.14
 - CA state regulatory fee \$.02
 - Ca high cost fund (A) \$.01
 - Ca high cost fund (B) \$.07
 - Ca relay service & comm devices fund \$.02
 - Ca State emergency telephone uses 911 tax \$.07
 - Ca teleconnect fund \$.01
 - Ca universal lifeline tel. Service fund \$.15
 - Ca local utility users tax \$1.09
- This give us a total of "**Government Fees and Taxes**" on my phone bill of: \$12.85/per month

which of course checks out to \$154.00/yr. Check out your bill, you will be amazed how you are being taxed and you didn't ever realize it

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LETTER**It's a Doggone Shame**

- Kathleen Smith, Ojai

I had to write and tell you how much I have enjoyed the articles in your paper regarding the animals. I especially liked **Mary Long's** funny but serious column on loose dogs. I couldn't agree with her more. We all have or have heard horror stories on that subject. I think it says a lot more about the stupid pet owners than the pets.

I have had run-ins with people in my neighborhood who insist on 'walking' their dogs without a leash. The animals run through everyone's yards tearing up flower beds, chasing our animals and pooping on my property. Of course, these are the same people who would never dream of carrying a bag with them, and why bother when they can go in someone else's yard! Once a huge dog chased my cat into the house, and when I complained the woman yelled at me for being uptight. Her dog was IN my house. We have other neighbors who don't believe in fences so their animals roam everywhere (same poop problem) and are in the streets where they get hit by speeding cars and some have been taken by coyotes. These dummies just go out and get new ones.

Thank you for bringing up this important subject and I would love to read an article on people who collect animals, especially cute kittens and puppies for their children and once the novelty wears off they are left to a life of back yard neglect. No surprise their dogs usually are the ones barking all day long and their owners are deaf. It's more like daft! Keep up the good cause. I love your paper.

- Kathleen Smith, Ojai

PRESS RELEASE**Lee Iacocca Fed UP**

Am I the only guy in this country who's fed up with what's happening? Where the hell is our outrage? We should be screaming

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bloody murder. We've got a gang of clueless bozos steering our ship of state right over a cliff, we've got corporate gangsters stealing us blind, and we can't even clean up after a hurricane much less build a hybrid car. But instead of getting mad, everyone sits around and nods their heads when the politicians say, 'Stay the course'

Stay the course? You've got to be kidding. This is **America**, not the damned '**Titanic**'. I'll give you a sound bite: 'Throw all the bums out!'

You might think I'm getting senile, that I've gone off my rocker, and maybe I have. But someone has to speak up. I hardly recognize this country anymore.

The most famous business leaders are not the innovators but the guys in handcuffs. While we're fiddling in **Iraq**, the **Middle East** is burning and nobody seems to know what to do. And the press is waving 'pom-poms' instead of asking hard questions. That's not the promise of the '**America**' my parents and yours traveled across the ocean for.

I've had enough. How about you?

I'll go a step further. You can't call yourself a patriot if you're not outraged. This is a fight I'm ready and willing to have. The Biggest '**C**' is Crisis!

Leaders are made, not born. Leadership is forged in times of crisis. It's easy to sit there with your feet up on the desk and talk theory. Or send someone else's kids off to war when you've never seen a battlefield yourself. It's another thing to lead when your world comes tumbling down.

On **September 11, 2001**, we needed a strong leader more than any other time in our history. We needed a steady hand to guide us out of the ashes of **A Hell of a Mess**.

So here's where we stand. We're

immersed in a bloody war with no plan for winning and no plan for leaving. We're running the biggest deficit in the history of the country. We're losing the manufacturing edge to **Asia**, while our once-great companies are getting slaughtered by health care costs. Gas prices are skyrocketing, and nobody in power has a coherent energy policy. Our schools are in trouble. Our borders are like sieves. The middle class is being squeezed every which way. These are times that cry out for leadership.

But when you look around, you've got to ask: '*Where have all the leaders gone?*' *Where are the curious, creative communicators? Where are the people of character, courage, conviction, omnipotence, and common sense?*

I may be a sucker for alliteration, but I think you get the point.

Name me a leader who has a better idea for homeland security than making us take off our shoes in airports and throw away our shampoo? We've spent billions of dollars building a huge new bureaucracy, and all we know how to do is react to things that have already happened.

Name me one leader who emerged from the crisis of **Hurricane Katrina**. **Congress** has yet to spend a single day evaluating the response to the hurricane, or demanding accountability for the decisions that were made in the crucial hours after the storm.

Everyone's hunkering down, fingers crossed, hoping it doesn't happen again. Now, that's just crazy. Storms happen. Deal with it. Make a plan. Figure out what you're going to do the next time.

Name me an industry leader who is thinking creatively about how we can restore our competi-

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tive edge in manufacturing. Who would have believed that there could ever be a time when 'The Big Three' referred to Japanese car companies? How did this happen, and more important, what are we going to do about it?

Name me a government leader who can articulate a plan for paying down the debt, or solving the energy crisis, or managing the health care problem. The silence is deafening. But these are the crises that are eating away at our country and milking the middle class dry.

I have news for the gang in Congress. We didn't elect you to sit on your asses and do nothing and remain silent while our democracy is being hijacked and our greatness is being replaced with mediocrity.

What is everybody so afraid of? That some bonehead on Fox News will call them a name? Give me a break. Why don't you guys show some spine for a change?

Had Enough?

Hey, I'm not trying to be the voice of gloom and doom here. I'm trying to light a fire. I'm speaking out because I have hope. I believe in America. In my lifetime I've had the privilege of living through some of America's greatest moments. I've also experienced some of our worst crises: the 'Great Depression', 'World War II', the 'Korean War', the 'Kennedy Assassination', the 'Vietnam War', the 1970s oil crisis, and the struggles of recent years culminating with 9/11.

If I've learned one thing, it's this: 'You don't get anywhere by standing on the sidelines waiting for somebody else to take action. Whether it's building a better car or building a better future for our children, we all have a role to play. That's the challenge I'm raising in this book. It's a call to 'Action' for people who, like me, believe in America. It's not too late, but it's getting pretty close. So let's shake off the crap and go to work. Let's tell 'em all we've had enough.'

It's our country, folks; and it's our future. Our future is at stake!

Lee Iacocca, the man who rescued Chrysler Corporation from its death throes is now 82-years-old and his new book, 'Where have all the Leaders Gone?', is available at book sources everywhere.

Artificial Intelligence

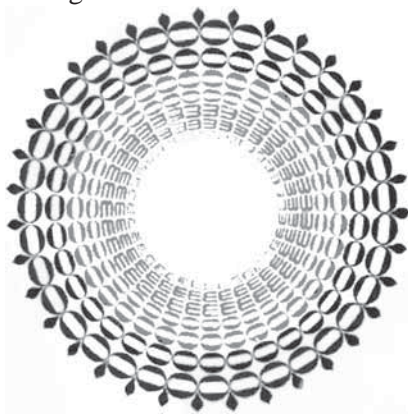
On Tuesday July 15 at 7:30 pm at 687 Villanova Road, Ojai, the American Vedic Association Bhagavad Gita As It Is Fellowship will discuss: "Artificial Intelligence." Software engineers consider AI to be a really advanced form of computer programming. However those trained

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Small Townie

Just Missed It By That Much

R. Ellis Smith



Well, Well, it seems the Gang in the Ivory Tower, (Ventura City Hall) has deemed it necessary to deceive the citizens one more time.

Now I'm sure their intentions were beyond reproach, however they neglected to take into account that every time the local government is behind a project the Peter Principle is sure to come into effect, meaning, the project will cost at least 50 percent more than estimated, take at least twice as long as planned and more than likely as in the case of the Bus/Home fiasco have to be redone in a



"A genius is a promontory into the infinite."

- Victor Hugo

very short period of time.

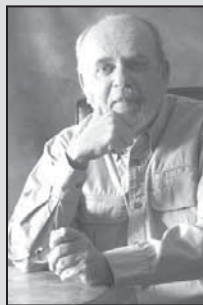
What I am rambling on about is the un-holy mess the "Downtown" area of Ventura has been for the past 3 or 4 months. When it was started, I believe at the first part of April, we were told by the Gang in the Ivory Tower that it would be completed by the end of June and certainly wouldn't affect the traffic or businesses in the downtown area.

Uhhhh, guys, it's already near the middle of July and no end in sight.

Whooh boy! I am sure most of you have tried to navigate your way around the downtown area. By this time you realize Main Street is a no-no, Santa Clara St. is rapidly becoming a no-no, and even Thompson is clogged at certain times.

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



Is Anyone Neurotic Out There?

Check This Out

(What Happens in Psychotherapy -- Part Two)



In my last article I distinguished between real suffering, which is imposed upon us by loss and fateful external events, and neurotic suffering which is 'inauthentic suffering', because we create it ourselves. The good news is, if we create our own suffering and are responsible for our neurotic symptoms of depression, anxiety, loneliness, obsessions etc., we can choose to undo them and heal. How?

Here's an example. Many people were raised in a household of emotional chaos. At worst, their parents shamed them or intimidated them, overpowered and controlled them, or rejected and abandoned them, and so forth. In a subtler way, chaos also ensues in a family environment where father or mother were emotionally distant, involved only in their own self-centered universe or lost in frantic activity, which is the disease of our times. By the way, psychotherapy is not about parent bashing, but it is about having our patients make an accurate and realistic assessment of where they came from. Our parents were wounded too, and they just passed it on, most of the time without conscious intent.

The defense against Chaos is Control!

The child tries to control his or her limited universe as much as possible. This makes sense in childhood and is a healthy response to a crazy family situation, but using power and control over others in adulthood leads to neurosis and isolation. So how does the adult neurotic control? There are many ways... i.e. through tyrannical control over others at work or at home, through intimidation and more poisonously through giving guilt, malingering, passive-aggressiveness and other devious manipulations. At bottom, neurosis is an ethical and moral problem. I know, I've been there.

In order for the neurotic to heal, he has to cop to being either overtly or covertly tyrannical, to being manipulative and often ruthless. This is a Herculean task because the 'neurotic tyrant' often views himself to be a 'nice guy'. For those brave souls, who can actually cop to their dark side and acknowledge that they're not who they pretend to be, the rewards are awesome. Their neurotic symptoms of depression and anxiety will drop by the wayside. They regain freedom by finally taking responsibility for their lives and lose interest in controlling the lives of others. Our personal strength doesn't come from what I call the 'General Manager of the Universe Complex' nor does our inner authority come from trying to control others and external events.

The brilliant bohemian psychologist Sheldon Kopp had this to say: "Neurosis is continuing to act as if we were coping with the problem of childhood. As grownups the world is not the same as in childhood...Neurosis is a way of behaving badly without feeling we are to blame."

The art of psychotherapy comes in telling patients painful truths about themselves they don't want to hear. This can only occur when there is trust and caring feelings between doctor and patient; without trust and love nothing happens. Intuition, the doctor sharing his own neurotic detours in life, as well as nighttime dreams can be very helpful. Sometimes only luck or the grace of God can intervene successfully. If we interpret our patient's 'controlling tyrant' too early, they leave therapy pissed off because they are not ready. You can't grow grass by pulling it. If we interpret too late, our patients leave because they don't get better. The old cliché, 'Timing is everything' is especially true in psychotherapy.

Finally, there are two artists who have their own view of treating the neurotic condition. The first is Blues artist, Keb Mo:

"If nobody loves you
And you're feeling like dust on an empty shelf
Just remember you can love yourself."

The second one is the soulful German poet Johann Wolfgang von Goethe,

"Whatever you want to do, or
dream you can do...begin it!

Boldness has genius, power and magic in it."

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

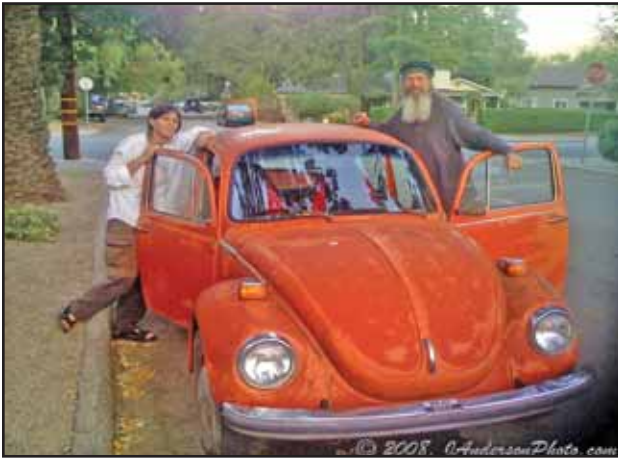
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LETTER

H.A.A.R.P., Radio Wave Control, Weather Control, Mind Control

- By Lawrence and Lori Anderson, Ojai

Have you by chance heard of HAARP? And if you have, do you know what it is up to lately? The HAARP, or High Frequency Active Auroral Project, is one of those government projects so frightening in its implications that once its full potential is uncovered, one can never again look at the sky, or the weather, or radio/cell phone reception or even one's personal state of mind, without wondering what is natural, and what has been altered by HAARP.

In fact, if you do not already know about HAARP, you might not want to. It is one of those eerie realities which overstep the bounds of the possible, like having internet and video capabilities on a cell phone. Nonetheless, the impossible has become a part of our daily lives. And HAARP has been operational for almost two decades.

In terms of technology, HAARP seems to be a wave bouncer. Here in Ventura, we know about waves. We either ride them, or have watched them being ridden. We sense the pattern within the chaos. It is easy enough for us to imagine a technology capable of controlling the intervals of certain waves, say, by giving a large wave just the right bit of a push at just the right moment. This is what HAARP does, with all sorts of waves on all sorts of levels.

The HAARP is, physically, a series of 180 giant radio dish antennae on 35 acres, located in Gakona, Alaska, and run by the United States Air Force and the United States Navy. HAARP can do several things. A specific wave pattern can be transmitted up to a layer of the atmosphere, the ionosphere, then bounced back to the Earth in order to create or change a similar wave pattern elsewhere on the planet. In the meantime, the pattern may be purposely intensified, or supercharged, through contact with the free-for-all of random ions that make up the ionosphere. Since current physics describe all matter as wave-and-particle, wave-altering technologies have fantastic capacities, even given the current scientific limitations.

According to the purpose as stated in the government's Environmental Impact Statement (EIR), "the HAARP facility would utilize powerful, high-frequency (HF) transmissions and a variety of associated observation instruments to investigate naturally occurring and artificially induced ionospheric processes that support, enhance or degrade the propagation of radio waves. A potential Department of Defense, (DOD), application of the research is to provide communications to submerged submarines. These and many other research applications are expected to greatly enhance DOD technology." So, a radio transmission can be sent into the ionosphere where, with just the right pulse, it can be bounced back not only to the Earth, but moreover into the bottom of the sea, in order to communicate with submarines. What else can it do inside and on top of the Earth? Just what exactly are the "many other" research applications which will so "greatly enhance" military technology? Nick Begich and Jeane Mannig, the co-authors of Angels Don't Play This HAARP: Advances in Tesla Technology, have uncovered and published the original patent: Bernard J. Eastlund's U.S. Patent #4,686,605 [This patent was originally controlled by the contractors who built the HAARP facility, ARCO Power Technologies Incorporated (APTI). APTI sold it to an intelligence contractor called E-Systems, which was later bought out by Raytheon].

Patent #4,686,605 states:

"...the present invention provides a method and ap-

paratus for altering at least one selected region which normally occurs above the Earth's surface....

"...Thus, this invention provides the ability to put unprecedented amounts of power in the Earth's atmosphere at strategic locations and to maintain the power injection level, particularly if random pulsing is employed, in a manner far more precise and better controlled than heretofore accomplished by the prior art, particularly by detonation of nuclear devices of various yields at various altitudes....

"...disrupt communications while safeguarding one's own communications....

"...weather modification is possible by, for example, altering upper atmospheric wind patterns or altering solar absorption patterns by constructing one or more plumes of atmospheric particles which will act as a lens or focusing device....

"...molecular modifications of the atmosphere can take place so that positive environmental effects can be achieved. Besides actually changing the molecular composition of an atmospheric region, a particular molecule or molecules can be chosen for increased presence. For example, ozone, nitrogen, etc., concentrations in the atmosphere could be artificially increased" according to the stated patent.

Science Fiction? Not any more. This little toy has been built and has been being played with since 1990. It is as real as the spraying in Matilija Canyon. To be just, the government home page for HAARP states quite emphatically that the program is limited to radio wave technologies and related research. Yet, with all of these capabilities, in a facility open to a selected public only once a year, why expect stringent self-restriction?

The patents tell us much, much more about what HAARP can do and what it may already be doing. Yet where do we find the discussion as to how much of it anyone should be doing? According to prominent high-energy physicist Elizabeth Rauscher, PhD., the ionosphere is "prone to catalytic reactions, if a small part is changed, a major change can happen." In other words, all encounters with the ionosphere take on a random aspect that physicists cannot yet fully control. It is called chaos theory because it remains chaos. Chaos by its nature resists prediction. An experiment by its nature admits that those performing it do not yet have a viable method of predicting the results.

"...in this way one could develop a system that would seriously impair the brain performance of very large populations in selected regions over an extended period."

According to Rosalie Bertell, Ph.D., GNSH [Earthpulse.com], "as far back as 1958 the Chief White House Advisor on Weather Modification, Captain Howard T.Orville, said the U.S. Defense Department was studying ways to manipulate the weather by using an electronic beam to ionize or deionize the atmosphere over a given area." Since that time, the ionosphere has been systematically, blown up by nuclear bombs, by multi-megaton bombs, and by kilo-ton bombs. The ionosphere, in 1985, had 830 kg of exhaust released directly into it by the Space Shuttle, in order to deliberately create a hole in the ionosphere. Most of these experiments resulted in dramatic and often permanent changes in the electro-magnetic Van Allen belts that circle our planet. Dangerous experiments, surely. Think, then, how much more dangerous the HAARP wave bouncing technology could be were these experiments to yield unexpected modifications.

Ah, but think how much a government would have to gain in using HAARP technology. Russia and Norway also have state of the art arrays playing with the ionosphere. WOW! Former National Security Advisor to U.S. President Carter, Zbigniew Brzezinski, put it this way, in describing one of the applications well with HAARP's capacities: "...artificially-timed, artificially-excited electronic strokes could lead to a pattern of oscillations that produce relatively high power levels over certain regions of the earth... in this way one could develop a system that would seriously impair the brain performance of very large populations in selected regions over an extended period." Artificially induced electromagnetic fields interest the U.S. Air Force due to their military and quasi-military applications, from crowd control to anti-personnel techniques. Unimaginable? On a smaller scale, it may have already happened. In 1991, according to Defense

News [April 13-19], the U.S. deployed an electro-magnetic pulse weapon (EMP) in Desert Storm. Not surprisingly, details were not given out.

The essential question remains: Should we be experimenting with all of this stuff? Our planet's shell? Its life system? Our Minds? Is this past decade's alleged climactic chaos a direct result of a failed experiment, or, more chillingly, of a successful one? Has HAARP technology contributed to Global Warming, or is it in charge of Global Warming? Or does it hold the solution? Perhaps the series of mentally confused decisions emanating from Washington, D.C. these days has been caused by an enemy's use of this same technology. For eight years?

How, tell me if you please, will anyone ever be able to know if the drought in Africa, or the flood in China, or the fires and floods and apathy here are natural, or induced? We can quite complacently file all of this information into our "Oh, yeah, man, but the human's self-destruction is also natural." We can think Zen while that wave pattern is still tolerated, or we can agitate a few of our own free ions by speaking mind-wave-mind to each other, to our associates, to our politicians and to our corporate rulers about the need for international, ethical decision making when approaching new, planetarily volatile technologies.

- Lawrence and Lori Anderson, Ojai

[On the net, the U.S. home page for HAARP is really very informative, and fascinating if you have any background or interest in modern scientific advances. Just don't forget to ask yourself where all of this scientific frenzy might be leading us. For a closer look at what the home page is not saying, look to Angels Don't Play this HAARP; Advances in Tesla Technology, or Earthpulse.com, Earthpulse Press, AlternativeNews.net, or the Military's Pandora Box.]

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By removing our right to **Cable Access Television**, we are no longer able to voice our own opinions in the media. One by one our rights, guaranteed us in the **Bill of Rights**, are being taken away. As far as we know, the **City Council** has not finalized a new franchise agreement with any cable company. The **State of California** will most likely come in and tell our city which company will take over our cable television, cable modems, etc.

During the debates on the adoption of the **U.S. Constitution**, its opponents repeatedly charged that the constitution as drafted would open the way to tyranny by the central government. Fresh in their minds was the memory of the **British** violation of civil rights before and during the Revolution. They demanded a "bill of rights" that would spell out the immunities of individual citizens. Several state conventions, in their formal ratification of the Constitution, asked for such amendments; others ratified the Constitution with the understanding that the amendments would be offered.

On **September 25, 1789**, the **First Congress of the United States** therefore proposed to the state legislatures 12 amendments to the Constitution that met arguments most frequently advanced against it. In the 1780s after the **American Revolu-**

Testimony - June 18 Oversight Hearing

Paying to Play – Implementation of Fee Authority

by Alasdair Coyne

Dear Mr. Chairman and Distinguished Members of the Subcommittee,

Please include the following testimony in the official record of the oversight hearing on Paying to Play – Implementation of Fee Authority on Federal Lands.

Our **Southern California** watershed organization, **Keep Sespe Wild**, has submitted testimony critical of forest fees for over 10-years now. In 1998, we provided such testimony in person at an oversight hearing in D.C. chaired by **Rep. James Hansen**, then chair of the **National Parks and Public Lands subcommittee**.

Though the original and unpopular **Recreational Fee Demo Program** terminated when the **FLREA** became law a few years ago, the problems with allowing the **US Forest Service** to levy fees for recreational access have only grown.

Granting the **US Forest Service** the authority to create their own fee programs around the nation has led to a number of important problems:

- (1) The agency has the incentive to use tax dollars to create and develop new fee sites, in order to raise more revenue locally. Upgrading sites is not supported by the visiting public.
- (2) The agency has over-

tionary War, debate over the adoption of a new Constitution resulted in a division between **Federalists**, such as **Alexander Hamilton** who favored a strong federal government, and **Anti-Federalists**, such as **Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry** who favored a weaker federal government.

During and after the Constitution ratification process, **Anti-Federalists** and state legislatures expressed concern that the new Constitution placed too much emphasis on the power of the federal government.

The drafting and eventual adoption of the **Bill of Rights**, including the **First Amendment**, was, in large part, a result of these concerns, as the **Bill of Rights** limited the power of the federal government

There is a solution, in fact there are two solutions. Which ever cable company we do get, the **City Council** can mandate that Channel 10 continues with programming, bulletin boards and all disaster information as needed.

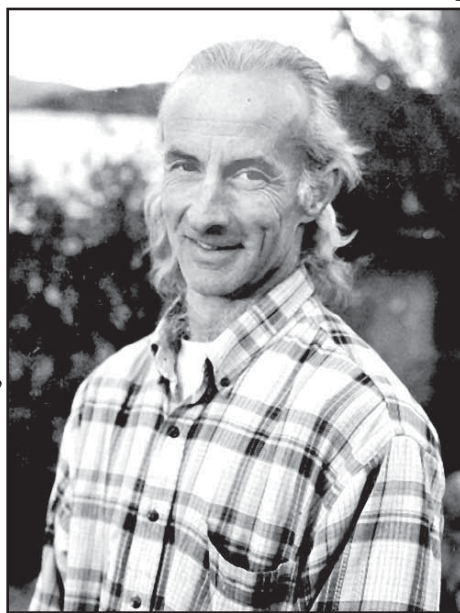
The second solution is having a non-profit group run the channel, allowing the same arrangement to continue, with funding from both the City, cable company, grants, as they do in the **City of Ventura**. There it is called **Community Access Programming (CAPS) of San Buenaventura**. It is a non-profit, funded by the city of **Ventura**, the cable company and grant funding. They have a fully functioning running production studio and broadcast over **Channel 6 in the City of Ventura**.

Given the history of the **Ojai City Council**, though, nothing will be done. In fact, unless we, **THE PUBLIC**, voice what **WE** want, the **City Council** will completely ignore the issue altogether.

As a member of this fine country, I am very tired of

stepped the clear limits defining fee sites in the **FL-REA** (which were referred to by its co-creators, **Rep. Ralph Regula and Rep. Pombo**, at a public hearing and in a press release) by creating the **HIRA** fee category, which is not mentioned in the **FL-REA** itself.

We have one of these, the **Rose Valley HIRA**, in our **Ojai Ranger District of Los Padres National Forest**



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losing all of our freedoms.

Our elected officials don't listen to us any longer and they do what they want, despite the consequences to the voters and the community.

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Wine And Roses



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by Ron Rowe

Hot summer days are upon us. July is upon us. This was originally the fifth month of the year and was called **Romans Quinctius**, the Latin name of **Julius (July)** was given in honor of **Julius Caesar**, who was born this month. Dog days are **July 3. St. Swithin's Day is July 5.**

Ah, summer, when the serene philosophy of the pink rose is steady. Its fragrant, delicate petals open fully and are ready to fall without regret or dissolution after only a day in the hot sun.

It is so every summer, one can almost hear the pink fragrant delicate petals as they settle down upon the grass.

If you are bothered by ants in this hot weather, don't spray with poison, instead tuck a cotton ball dipped in peppermint in the kitchen or buy a peppermint plant for the same effect. **Langer** wrote, apprentice yourself to nature, not a day will pass without her opening a new door and a wondrous world of experience to learn from and enjoy. Summer will always be summer -- and that's a fact.

Now that the **Ojai Meadows** are open again, the **Land Conservancy** are in need of volunteers. Many opportunities are open. If interested send an e-mail to oulc@oulc.org. The **Ojai Valley Museum**

is having an **Historic Artistic Women of Ojai Exhibition**, honoring the smart and sassy women of **Ojai**. You can call 805-640-1390 for more information.

Old wives tales. To eliminate

earwigs in your garden, hang hogs, hooves, the bowls of tobacco pipes and lobster claws on the top of sticks amongst your plans.

Bury a stick of rhubarb in the soil when planting cabbages. against club root.

With the coming election causing divisions amongst the **American** public, it's refreshing to see that **Ojai** has an answer to this constant bickering. It's the creation of the **No Agenda club** or **N.A.C.** The president is **Java Lorraine**, if you despise hypocrisy, phonies, egomaniacs, etc. If you're a staunch defender of what is right, you're invited to join. No members of the blatant self interests coalition need apply, for more information call 646-3138.

If the flagging economy and soaring prices of food, housing, gas, etc are getting to you, take heart, you could be living in **Zimbabwe**. When **President Mugabe** came to power three decades ago, the economy boasted a diversified productive country. Today it is a financial wreck, 80 percent of the people live in poverty, they have the worlds lowest life expectancy - 37 years for men, 34 for women. It has a government deficit of \$33 billion, inflation is 175,000 percent and an **American dollar buys 6.3 billion Zimbabwe dollars**. A tank of gas is 1.8 billion **Zimbabwe dollars**, one egg cost 5 million, a chicken 200 million. Now, does that make you feel better and richer, I thought so. Good news for **spam** lovers. **Spam** is now entering a comeback in spite of **Monty Python** skits. Sales are up 9 percent the first of this year.

You can buy a **Spam** sandwich at **Arcada Plaza Pantry Tea Shop**.

Travelers Digest, a magazine for travelers, has made a list of countries and cities where the world's most beautiful women live. **Sweden** ranks first. **Swedish** women are friendly, well-educated and beautiful. **Argentina** and **Brazil** are second-place, from third to eighth place is **Russia, Bulgaria, Latvia, Belarus, Germany, France** and **Switzerland** are reported to pay more attention to the

way their animals look than their women. I claim that **Ojai** should be number one, we have the most intelligent, beautiful, well-educated friendly women in the world living here in **Ojai**, which prompts me to dedicate the following to the ladies of **Ojai**.

The body of a woman is the least of what she gives away. She has gifts so regal for the man she loves, that glittering diamonds are sparkless, insipid, valueless in comparison, her regal loveliness which dwells within the breasts of educated, refined **Ojai** women.

A beauty, which eye hath not seen, can never see, but which like gentle perfume radiates from such to all who are fine enough to perceive it.

To the love-struck swain, **Elijah in Oak View**, who wants to know which rose represents true love. Well, **Elijah**, there are 52 messages given by individual roses ranging from a **bridal Rose**, which means happy love, a **Christmas Rose**, which means, relieve my anxiety, a **gloire de dijon**, meaning, messenger of love, a **White Rose** meaning, I am worthy of you, to a **Rose La France**, which means, meet me in the moonlight.

Send any of these to your maiden fair, or send her a **Amani Patent Leather Clutch Bag, only \$1,395**, contact **Giorgio Armani**, if interested, and the best of luck.

Wise saying -- the really frightening thing about old age is the knowledge that you will grow out of it.

Good heavens, the **Mac Murdo Research Base in Anarctica** stocked up for two months of darkness with a shipment of 16,500 condoms. For the most part, said the base manager, the 125 scientists who will have to spend their winter there will know how to occupy their time. Oh, those long, long nights with no T.V.

Recession? Last week **Sotheby Auction House** celebrated the richest art auction in its history, with sales totaling 362 million. The highest sale was a **1976 Triptych by Francis Bacon**, which brought 86

million. A **Mark Rothko** painting, **White Center**, was bought for \$72 million, the highest price ever paid for a work of postwar art at auction. The buyer, **Emir Sheik Hamad bin Khalifa al Thani** also bought **Francis Bacon's** study from **Innocence X**. The sheik lives in **Qatar**.

Good saying. Everyone is entitled to his own opinions, but not his own facts.

The gas price is being felt **Americans** drove 11 billion fewer miles in March, 2008 than they did in March of 2007. The 4.3 percent decline is the largest since records were first kept.

The students at **St. Clair of montefalco Catholic School in Detroit** were told they were not allowed to swear. To make sure they understood the words, **Sister Kathy Avery** read out a long list of forbidden words and phrases, you could hear a pin drop during the readings, hope the students were not taking notes. Also, the **Vatican** purchased a controlling interest in **Italy's AC Soccer Club**. New regulations were posted in the locker room. No more swearing, cursing, insulting or bribing the soccer officials or taunting the opposition team and fans.

This takes all the fun out of soccer. Conscience is the inner voice that tells you the **IRS** might check your income tax return.

Time for a glass of wine and to contemplate on the words of **Confucius**.

"From a man's mouth may come sharp arrows to wound and fiery brands to burn, take good heed then that neither issue from your mouth to the injury of others."

I would like to add from a man or woman's mouth or pen.

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Cold Coffee Secrets

by Lorraine Mariz

It's hot outside and naturally it's time to think about coffee. Really! Iced coffee drinks are refreshing and fun.

In the quest for the perfect summer coffee drinks here are some options.

Iced Coffee - refrigerate your leftover morning coffee and pour it over ice in the afternoon. Or brew very strong coffee and pour over ice. Regular strength coffee gets watery when iced. Add cream and sugar to taste. Despite all the attention blended ice drinks get, plain iced coffee is the most popular cold coffee drink at **Java & Joe**.

Iced latte - Make 1 or 2 shots of espresso, pour over ice in a 16 or 20 ounce cup and fill with milk. Very refreshing!

Iced Cappuccino - My personal favorite. The key is the foam. As with the latte, make 1 or 2 shots of espresso and pour over ice. Add a little milk and lots of foam. I like the effect of the hot foam with the cold coffee. Be sure to use lots of ice.

Blended iced mochas, vanillas, caramels, etc. - I may be betraying the coffee house code but I will give out the recipe for flavored blended coffee drinks. It is amazingly simple. In a blender pitcher pour 2 ounces flavor, 2 ounces milk, 4 ounces cold, strong coffee and a 16 ounce cup full of ice and blend. For a coffeeless drink use 3 ounces of flavor and 5 ounces of milk. Ice cream, fruit, and crumbled cookies are fun things to add to blended iced coffee drinks. Be sure to use cold strong coffee. Hot coffee messes up the measurements and if the coffee is not strong enough you won't taste it in the drink.

Now you know the secrets of iced coffee. Use this information wisely.

Lorraine Mariz, Java and Joe, Ojai



oz sugar, the tomato concentrate, the pepper, vinegar, olive oil, and 4/5 cup of water, Blend at high speed for 1 min. The result should be smooth.

Strain mixture finely and chill in the refrigerator for 1/2 hour or in the freezer for 15 min. Cut the pulp of the 2 remaining tomatoes into small cubes. Sprinkle on the remaining sugar. Mix and let marinate for 15 minutes.

Put a portion of chilled fruit sauce in 4 bowls, with the remaining 3/4 lb berries and diced tomatoes on top. Decorate with the mint. Serve chilled. Serves 4.

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Being a Chocoholic and also allergic to dairy and sensitive to sugar I created **Ojai Chocolat**. After seeing the movie **Chocolat**, I was inspired to make a chocolate drink to satisfy my craving that was low in calories and fat. I proceeded to make a mix; called **Chili *Hot Chocolat**, it can also be used as a spice.

I have captivated the local **Ojai** and

Santa Barbara Raw food enthusiasts by following the strict standards of temperature control and using only organic and raw ingredients.

- Mini Milne, Ojai

Summer Recipe Recommendation from Ojai Olive Oil, Inc

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5 medium-size tomatoes (about 1lb 2oz)
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1 tsp balsamic vinegar**

2 3/4 oz sugar

1 tsp tomato concentrate

Freshly ground pepper

A few fresh mint leaves

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and people of **Ventura County**. It saddens us deeply to know that we have only a couple of months left to do our program. We have especially enjoyed covering the events and people of **Ojai**.

I asked if we could present this issue on a **City Council Agenda** and was promptly told, "That would not be possible, we couldn't possibly allot you enough time to discuss this matter" said acting **Ojai City Manager Paulette Whiting**.

One more time **Freedom of Speech** has been taken away. I truly hate to say goodbye but we will have to in just a few months unless we are allowed to be on the **City Council Agenda** and present our solutions. What we need from our community is your input as to what you would like to see happen here in **Ojai**.

I think it is time to reread the **Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Bill of Rights**, and the writings of our forefathers; then ponder the direction we are currently going and what we can do about it. Hopefully, it's not too late to reverse the current trend and put our country back to where the choice is still ours.

Please notify the View of your opinion about this situation. Everyone counts.

- April Jo Rogers
Valley View Video, Ojai

CALENDAR VIEW

• **Friday 25th 8pm, Saturday 27th 7 pm. The Elite Theatre visits the Ojai Art Center Stage with it's produciton of Arthur Miller's THE PRICE**, directed by Lorraine MacDonald. Tickets are \$12 students, \$15 general Box office 640-8797

• **June 20 - July 19 - Ojai Art Center Theatre, The Music Man** directed by Tracey Williams. Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, Sundays at 2pm. Tickets, \$25 general, 20 seniors, students and Art Center members. Box office 640-8797

• **June 20 thru July 27, Camarillo Community Theatre presents the musical Pippin**. Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm and Sundays at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$17 adults, \$13 students, military and seniors. Box office 388-5716

• **Audition Notice: July 12 (Sat.) and July 13 (Sun), Ventura County Gilbert & Sullivan Repertoire Company** is holding auditions for **Patience and Pirates of Penzance**, (Sat. July 12th from 1pm-5pm,

and Sun July 13th from 6pm-10pm Contact Rebecca Pillsbury at 805-491-6103

• **July 25, Fri - Sunday, August 3 - Cabrillo Music Theatre presents Singin' In The Rain** directed by Larry Raben. Performances are Thursdays thru Saturdays at 8pm; Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm; Sunday **July 27th at 7pm; and Wednesday, July 30th** at 11am Tickets at any Ticketmaster location or by phone (805) 583-8700 \$36-64 info: (805) 449-ARTS (2787).

July 12th, Sat - Women's Football Tryouts in Ventura! (tryout time) is from 9:00-12:00 Blanche Reynolds Park, Ventura Ahmed Newton 652-1460

• **July 13, Sun - Pet first aid and CPR class**, Humane Society of Ventura County. 805-524-6970

• **July 20, Sun - Ventura Motor Sports Gathering, Mission Park Downtown Ventura**. Displayed will be cars from the Peking to Paris Race, the Mille Miglia race of Italy, the Pan American races and many others including Maserati, Ferrari, Corvvette, Porsche, Mustang, Mercedes Benz, Jaguar, Talbot Lago, etc. info@venturamotorsportgathering.com Don Greene 794-5438, Gary and Juni Cooper 641-0405 or C. Darryl Smith 644-6211

• **July 25, Fri. - Ojai Vintage Car gathering. Ojai's Vintage & classic cars, trucks, motorcyces and more**. 635 E. Ojai, Ave, next to Ojai Beverage Company (formerly Regal's Wine and Cheese Shop). Info: April Jo Rogers 701-1488 Ojaivintagecarshow@yahoo.com

• **August 16 & 17, Sat/Sun - Money Intelligence & The Ken & Katie Show present The Big "E" Extravaganza** at The Palm Shopping Center, Oxnard. Saturday & Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm on Sunday FREE

• **September 26 - 28, Fri-Sun, Solvang Jazz Festival, Solvang (Second annual)** Contact info: Brenda Vanderloop, 425-481-3274, Juliana Minsky, 805-687-33227, **Sun - August 3., Santa Paula Theatre Center presents The Philadelphia Story**, Friday and

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The View from the Verandah



Helen MacGregor at Verandah, behind the Arcade.

Right smack dab in the heart of the **Arcade Plaza** is an exotic little get-a-way. When you walk through the door of **VERANDAH** an indescribable calm may come over you. You are still in **Ojai** but you are somewhere else. Where you are is all the places of the world that the **owner/designer, Helen MacGregor** has traveled or lived, and they are a lot more than the average gypsy has seen. There are home furnishings, unusual accessories, pillows and bed coverings, dreamy framed photographic art and unique wall art, and much, much more. Unlike other home decor stores that can feel crowded and confusing because they are trying to carry something for everyone, understandably in todays marketplace, **Verandah** has a peace about it. It's easy and clean, and not complicated because it's not trying to be too many things. Helen has picked a theme and stuck to it just like you would if you were designing a room. The store is eclectic but everything goes together.

She refers to it as global 'casual elegance' in a gallery setting with the emphasis on textile. You will find things there that nobody else has and her custom designs are hand-sewn in her workroom in **Ojai**.

Personally, I was drawn to the diverse collection of wooden head rests, which I understand would

be necessary if your neck was adorned with layers of metal rings. Who knew there could be so many ways to carve a pillow. Helen reminds you that anything can be collected as she starts pulling down these wonderful

hand carved wooden stand looking things that come from various parts of the world. Each one is simple in design and in the material which it has been carved from. I instantly want to start my own collection.

I dare you to walk past the shelf of luscious bath towels and other assorted smell good soaps and things but if you do you'll find something else original and fabulous. Bring five dollars with you or five thousand and take home a treasure.

I would go to the store just for Helen, and she wouldn't mind it either if you came in, sat comfortably down and visited, and, oh,

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what tales she has to tell. Name a country and she'll have been there or lived there and can tell you pretty much all about it from an artistic, cultural, historical or textile point of view. I believe she is part artist and part anthropologist. Even the most hardened travelers of the world, of which she is definitely one, will eventually need to take a break. Helen is so happy to have decided she doesn't want to go anywhere for a long while (we'll see), and is uber content to be either at her store or living in her digs in the 'barrio' of **Meiners Oaks**, which reminds her of the many third world, mixed culture zones she has lived in. **Verandah** is Helen's store all right, but Helen is what makes it the special store it is. See for yourself.

Verandah is located at **305 E. Matilija St.** next door to the, sad to say, no longer **Ojai Video**, and if necessary you can call **Helen at 640-7357**. Remember shop local. There's no excuse not to when we are lucky enough to have a store like this.

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Serendipity toy store by Ron Rowe

Serendipity Toys is a very unusual place, with appeal for young and old. Its primary purpose is to offer a potpourri of toys and games to children, but many parents find it just as fascinating. **Serendipity's** motto is, "Where the unique is common, quality playthings, and collectibles from around the world." And I assure you the store lives up to its motto. The store is owned and operated by **Joe and Lilly Bartholemey**. **Serendipity** opened 29-years-ago, when Lilly, who has a passion for toys convinced her engineer husband Joe to make an offer on the **Ojai** store that had just become vacant. Neither had any knowl-

edge of toys or running a store, but they decided to go for it and opened with just a few toys. The first sale was a rubber duck, Joe smiles when he remembers that day. If you would like to know the rest of this story, and the tale of the rubber duck, just ask Joe.

When you visit the store, it's a very amusing tale. Now, what is for sale in the store? Whatever you can imagine. **Serendipity** has a large selection of unusual and traditional toys that you won't find in those big impersonal stores like, **Toys "R" Us**.

Joe and Lilly buy from over 150 suppliers and the store is crammed with thousands of toys. It is rather like being in, **Willy Wonka's Magic factory**. With every step you are confronted by rows and rows of fascinating items. There is a

large selection of do-it-yourself kits -- even a make your own chocolate kit. Two shelves are crammed full of friendly bugs, finger bugs, a bowl of mixed bugs and even bugs on wheels. There are a variety of jigsaw puzzles, good for all ages,

puzzles and building kits to stimulate the intellect, glow-in-the-dark toys, planes, rocket ship, tool sets, spinning musical tops and a gyroscope that is powered by your breath.

The day I was in the store, it was crowded with children excitedly crying, here daddy,

over here, please mommy look at these horses can I take them home? There are rows and rows of lifelike dolls, elephants, large fluffy animal toys, tin whistles, nose flutes. One case had two shelves of lifelike insects, handcrafted by a local artist. A large rack had a variety of fluffy animal puppets, frogs, teddy bears, etc. I had planned on spending 15 minutes in the store... after three hours, I still



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Joe and Lilly at Serendipity.



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had not covered all the items in the store.

Do visit **Serendipity Toys**, where toys are meant to be not only educational but also fun and stimulating.

The store is located at **221 East Matilija** behind the **Ojai Arcade**, call **646-2585**, and do take your children with you. **Joe and Lilly** encourage children to interact and have set up some play tables in the store. They don't want to think of children needlessly camped in front of a TV set, the minds turning into piddly jelly. **Serendipity Toys** is truly a store for the whole family you won't be disappointed, I assure you. If you still don't see what you would like, ask **Joe or Lilly**. If it has been made, they will get it for you. That's a promise.

*Ron Rowe, Ojai
rhjrowe@AOL.com*

• **Bat Boy, The Musical - Theater 150 in Ojai** casting the off-broadway hit "**BAT BOY, The Musical**" by Key the Farley, Brian Flemming, and Laurence O'Keefe. Chris Nottoli and Deb Norton, producers; Phil Nemy, director.

Rehearsals begin in late July. Performances run Oct 3-Nov 2, Fri/Sat/Sun. Equity members WILL be considered. Auditions will be held Sunday July 20th from 10am - 6pm at 316 East Matilija Street in Ojai, info: 646-4300

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Most people already know the story of “*The Music Man*”. Set in the Midwest 1912, a charismatic salesman blows into a small Iowa town to con the folks using a scheme selling instruments and uniforms for a youth band he has no intentions of actually forming, planning instead to skip town with the money for the equipment. Marian, the librarian and true love, however, changes his plans along the way.

Gary Best as the dynamic Professor Harold Hill, the con man, sings “Ya got trouble, trouble in River City” as a ruse to convince the parents that they need his musical vision to protect their children from boredom, trouble-making and corruption. Like most other cities today we got trouble, trouble in Shangri-la too, but instead of a marching band, **Tracey Williams** directed and **Len Klaif** produced another fun summer musical at the **Ojai Art Center Theater** that brought the people of **Ojai**, like the River Citizens in the play, young and old, teenage and middle age together through the intoxication and inspiration of music.

“*The Music Man*” is a big musical to put on in a relatively small theater. Well, all the different departments must have used Professor Hills “think” method to pull it off because as Mrs. Paroo said, “It works”. Placing the musicians, led by the talented **Jimmy Calire** up on the rear catwalk opened up the access to the stage on both sides and was well utilized. The quaint set design by **Skip Taylor** and **Tracey Williams** was very much in keeping with the small town yesteryear feel and its simplicity and placement allowed the stage to be open to accommodate the bigger production numbers. After an engaging opening number pattered by the traveling salesman on a railroad car, the lights went down and when they came up the entire stage was filled. There were children and teenagers, mothers and fathers and grandparents all periodically quaffed and dressed to perfection thanks to the costume design of **Edmund Arredondo**. It looked big, it felt big and it sounded big as everyone sang “Iowa Stubborn”.

One of the reasons *The Music Man* was and still is so popular would be the music itself. Under the vocal direction of **Candace Delbo** the variety of songs were all wonderfully executed although sadly the sound on a few occasions made it hard to hear or under-

stand the well written lyrics.

On a high note, **Brad Halverson, Armando Hernandez, Darakshan Farber** and **Jim Halverson** formed the Quartet and every time they sang it was delightful. **Holly E. Ferguson** was perfectly cast as Marian. Her acting was spot on and her beautiful voice made for two of my favorite songs of the evening, “Till There Was You” and “Goodnight My Someone” where she was accompanied by a very talented and engaging **Sara Van Son**.

Musicals are about the singing and the dancing. The dancing was fabulous. Great use of space and inventive appropriate choreography by **Julie Hamann** made the dance sequences memorable, especially “Shipooopi” and the clever “Marian the Librarian”.

Also of note were **Bill Spellman** as the metaphor mixing mayor, **Catherine Dain** as his wife and Isadora Duncan wannabe, **Laura Ring** as the very Irish Mrs. Paroo, **Lucas Starbuck** as Winthrop and all the adorable youngsters who knew their songs and dance steps, where they were supposed to be, what they were supposed to be doing and acting



Gary Best and Holly Ferguson on the bridge in River City

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all the time with a very special note to the captivating little Margaret O’Brian look a like, **Emily Hahn**, you can not miss her.

Performances of “*The Music Man*” run through July 19. For times, dates and recommended reservations call **640-8797** or **OjaiACT.org**.

- *Indy Baccaro*

Tony Perry CD “Whispers in the Darkness”



My CD is called “*Whispers In The Darkness*” it’s done with **Dan Rose**, a jazz guitarist from New York that I worked with a long time ago.

Dan and I have been friends for 35-years. He came out to California and we recorded 13 songs in two days.

They are vocal, jazz ballads on the intimate side. Music for one candle and a very dear friend.

They are mostly ah.. sort of **Billie Holiday... Duke Ellington**. They were really my musical spirit guides. We released it Saturday the 21st of June and we’re happy with it. It’s sort of subtle I suppose, but I had

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Carla Chisolm MacEwan, (photo above at left), and Paola Aquiar and Lance take in the cooler night air at the June 21 Tony Perry CD release party, hosted by Feast Bistro.



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Perry Home Companion: A Community Pulls Together for Theater 150

It was a very merry Perry evening at the Matilija Junior High auditorium as the Perry family of Ojai put together their very own “**Perry Home Companion**” variety show as a fund raiser for **Theater 150**. Thank goodness it was charming, funny, and entertaining because what could be written if it had been awful? It’s not like writing a review. This was a benefit show. These very busy and talented people chose to donate their valuable time and energy to give back to their community. It is admirable that of all the organizations and events in our valley to choose from, some grander and more established, that they opted to support **Theatre 150**, a smaller, evolving nonprofit group. It says a lot about the Perry family. It’s called loyalty. It’s called class. Many members of the family have been involved with **Theater 150** in one way or another, so when there was a need they stepped up and met it. Bravo.

For those of you who were foolish enough to not attend this event, or were too busy watching **WWF Smackdown** that Saturday night, here is what you missed. **Jazz Musician Uncle Tony**

Perry, distinguishably attired in a southwest black hat and tails look, played, and sang a few yummy songs with his fabulous trio as the rest of the Perry family; father, actor, musician **John Bennett Perry**, son and overt celebrity **Matthew Perry** of “**Friends**” fame, his sister, actress **Maria Perry**, and writer, producer, mother **Debbie Perry** all sat comfortably on stage a **la Home Companion**, getting up occasionally to join him.

The other reason to get off the comfee sofa was to perform a skit. **Matthew and Maria** donned baseball caps and did the always amusing “Who’s on First” routine, **Matthew, John and Maria** read a clever one-act play, and **Matthew** brought **Grandma Molly (Debbie’s mom)** on stage to feed the straight lines to his hilarious sports announcer piece. The act was very funny not so much for what was scripted as much as what wasn’t.

When **Grandma Molly**, who could barely get her one repeating line out without goofing or self-consciously laughing, kept looking off stage to talk, **Matthew** ad libed, “You know Grandma to the audience you look like you’re talk-

ing to yourself”.

That, and **Matthew** doing an old cross your leg and the shoe-goes-flying gag made me chuckle the whole evening.

Maria, who not only can sing but is gorgeous too, was joined by her songstress friend **Jessica Chanos** and sang a sarcastic classic, “Goodbye Earl” a.k.a. “Earl has to die”. Her father **John**, who is not only gorgeous but can sing too, performed a number of songs with different family members highlighted by a beautiful duet he did with **Matthew**, “Please Come to Boston”. Little did any of us know that this was the first time **Matthew** has ever sung in public and as we learned later it was the scariest thing he’d ever done but he did it for us, and he did it very well too!

You know, sitting there watching this tight knit, good looking, successful, talented family perform was almost enough to make me sick except that they are so doggone real. It was such an intimate show it felt like we had all been invited to the **Perry’s for Thanksgiving**, which rumor has it is a lot like the evening they gave us.

The event entertained about 250 people and was followed by an after party and a very successful auction held at **Theatre 150 on Matillija St.**

It more than met any expectations the theater directors could have hoped for. I didn’t have any expectations; but I had a great time. Next year?

- *Indy Baccaroo*

Ojai Recital

Every year school lets out for summer and **Kathy Thomas** sponsors a piano and voice recital at the **Ojai Valley Wesleyan Church** for her students.

This year she included the students of **Kathrine Piltcher**. **Mrs. Thomas** has been teaching for about sixteen years in our valley and is a gifted performer herself.

Pictured from left to right are: **Kathy Thomas, Shiloh Litonjua, Madison Gooden, Mitchell Burris, Merilee Burris, Chloe Baur, Vincent Litonjua, Ben Mitchell, Fabio Lauretta, Landen Ghen, Daniel Mitchell, Hanna Mitchell, Sara Mitchell and Claire Crocker.**



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wanted to do exactly this. These are songs that I have known my whole life but they were fresh on the day I recorded them because I had never performed them. So even though I really really knew them, they stayed fresh. A lot of these songs are standard tunes that you could hear on an elevator (laughs).

There is one original tune that Dan and I wrote and all the others are pretty well known Jazz standards.

Next time you get with your lady light one candle and put this CD on and “*whisper in the dark*”.

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Channel Islands Yacht Club hosts the Ventura British Brass practice, yacht members & guests. The public is invited to call the club (985-CIYC (2492)) to watch the British Brass, 1st Tuesday every month except this August. info: ciyc.com venturabritishbrass.com



Ojai Kool Kars



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Rick Bradley, 1930 Ford Sports Coupe, 396 cu in DeSoto Hemi: & 4 Speed, 6 Stromberg Carbs, Traditional Hot Rod, circa 1958

Russ Welch, 59 VW Dune Buggy

Jim Data, 1961 Pontiac Ventura

Randy Burg, 67 Dodge Dart, 440 cu in, 5 speed manual, 3:55 gear ratio (originally had the original six cylinder with auto trans.)

IN PRAISE OF LEFTOVERS

A by Janet McNeil, D.V.M.
 leftover. What a sad word that is. Leftover. How would you like to be a leftover? Well it wouldn't be bad if they were taking people out to be shot. I might even volunteer. But y'know, leftovers make you feel good twice. D'ja ever think about that?"
 - George Carlin



Grannia St. Kitts - "Mission Ready Search Dog" Born (first day of Spring) March 21, 1990 to March 20, 2005

In our highly disposable world, the leftover animals - the detritus of divorces, deaths, job relocations, and general thoughtlessness, might not see the humor or opportunity for hope.

That is the job that falls to the people who still go through life with their senses engaged. Here's the hitch, leftovers are not new, and they come with baggage. Baggage can be like spice - they are more interesting for the experiences that are behind in their lives, or they have too much and are nearly unpalatable to live with. Whether the leftover is for you depends on your "taste." Letting someone pressure you into accepting leftovers you have no "taste" for can be a rotten experience for all parties. Relationships have to be carefully considered for them to last.

That being said, I admit to having a house full of leftovers. Some fit in right away, like the 5-week-old amputee kitten that was supposed to find another home but is here 13 years later. Others, like the 39-year-old conure moved in after a friend's relationship failed, have taken longer to be appreciated in full.

The Queen of the Leftovers was **Grannia of St. Kitts**. Two weeks into veterinary school, someone brought a stray puppy to the Friday volleyball game trying to find it a home. She looked like one of the old velvet paintings my grandmother adored: waifish, scrawny, fleabitt, potbellied, with eyes too big for the rest of her. I didn't need the distraction; I was starting on my new career. When I got home that night, my new roommate was sitting with this scruffy pup on the couch and said someone had dropped her at the house claiming I said I wanted her. While the pup contentedly bedded down on the laundry pile, I reluctantly wrote a letter to my folks explaining the puppy being left, how I couldn't put her out in the street, and I would find her a home. Got to give the folks credit. They didn't believe the last bit for a minute.

A care package with collar, dog toys, milk bones, and heartworm medicine arrived. **Grannia** was smart enough to suck up to my father at first sight a year later. **Grannia**, over her fifteen years, proved to be the pearl beyond price. She was a teaching aid, diplomat, personal safety specialist (*I'll point them out and distract while you get 'em, mom!*), confidant, exercise machine with fur, psychologist, obedience whiz, hot water bottle, blood donor, lost animal finder, solar pointer, creative thinker, and a search and rescue dog. While

I have exceptional dogs now, the search for her heir apparent has fallen short of the bar she raised. She taught what was necessary to keep a dog happy - a place to put her devotion. We lived in a variety of places, scraped along on a student budget, and huddled through the night under a bush for our survival skills test, but **Grannia** was always happy if she was included in whatever I was doing. If she ever questioned my sanity, she kept it to herself.

It's not all rosy, being a leftover. Leftover animals can be placeholders for people who are gone. You get to feel good about keeping them in comfort and most adjust with time, but it is twice as hard to let them go - again.

My grandmother left us with her two dogs and a cockatiel after a heart attack. In spite of the care we gave, one dog, Cricket, never adjusted to the new environment and life without her first loves. Every time someone she knew before came to the house, she would get excited; always sure she would be going home. Imagine what it would have been like for her if her owner had been alone when she died. Shattered would have been an inadequate word. No special person, no home, no explanation, no comfort.

Before your animals become leftovers, there are things you can do. Keep good records. Make a kit with medical history, preferences and dislikes. Think about who might be their caretaker (ask ahead too!), temporarily or otherwise, start a trust fund for their care.

Also, if you enjoy a spoiled brat or aggressive personality, be aware these spicy features may not lend themselves to a palatable relocation. Not everyone is slaving for a chance to blend little Shatzie's morning doggy latte and schnitzel. Many a confused, elderly companion dog dumped at the pound by the family has not survived the experience. The trust and loyalty they have in abundance is often passed over for the kitten or puppy further along the row. Perfectly healthy and well-behaved cats have not been adopted because their best features are obscured by fear in a shelter setting. Takes a discerning eye to find the treasures.

Thankfully many shelters now do temperament testing, behavioral and grooming work toward improving the rougher gems. Breed rescues are good at sorting out the problems unique to their specialty. Working dogs are often pound rescues. (*Many of the USDA Beagle Brigade started as rescues.*) Please give generously to these "second chance" rescues. In the tight economy, trying to feed and shelter animals is hard enough; many need some medical attention. Gas to get these animals where they can be seen and adopted costs, as we all know.

Look at it this way. Everyone should have a leftover. That is what **America** is. Leftover, unique, and proud of it.

- Janet McNeil, D.V.M., Ojai

COOL CLEAR WATER



*Dan can you see that big green tree
 Where the water's running free
 And it's waiting there for you and me ?*
 - Marty Robbins

by Sharon Lindsay

In my previous article I was listing some of the disadvantages of **alfalfa** hay and advantages of **grass hay**. Since horses were designed to eat grasses, natural forage and chaparral, grass mix hays are the better feed. **Alfalfa** can be as high as **8:1 calcium:phosphorus** and horses only require a 1:1 to 2:1 ratio. This kind of mineral imbalance could result in weakened tissue, tendons, bones, **DOD (Developmental Orthopedic Disease)** and **OCD (Osteo Chondritis Desicans)** in foals, nervousness and cinchiness, **enteroliths (intestinal stones)**, thumps (**rhythmic diaphragmatic spasms**) **arthritis, scratches** (open leg sores mostly found around the **heel bulb** and **fetlock**).

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The Water You Drink !

Is It SAFE or Is It Making You Sick ?

by Dawn Kuhn

It's not a secret that at least 70% of our bodies are comprised of water. Therefore, I think we can agree that we need to drink appropriate amounts of water daily, to keep our body and cells hydrated. However, not all water is created equal.

As many **Naturopathic Doctors** will tell you, "It's not the amount of water you drink; it's the quality of the water you are drinking".

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THE LEASHES END

by Ron Rowe

Attention, the **2008 Pooch Parade** will be held on July 20, 9am to 4pm at the **San Buenaventura State Beach Park**. There will be excitement for the whole family, with over 200 various items offered at silent auctions, including a helicopter ride. Demonstrations, dog races, agility courses and contest for pet owners to include best costume, most obedient dog, best kisser, best tricks, the biggest and smallest dog. Over 400 vendors providing everything your dog needs, plus lots more fun filled events. It's hosted by the **Canine Adoption and Rescue League**, a very worthy cause. Do please come on down with your dog. Bring all the family. For more information call **805-652-1001** or www.carluc.org.



Ron and his companion Dudley

Speaking of worthy causes, the **Ojai Humane Society** shelter is looking for some volunteers, good opportunities for children over 10, playtime with kittens, walking dogs, and much help needed. Call **Suzanne Soprano at 805 646-6505 ext. 110** for more information. The shelter is located at **402 Bryant St., Ojai**.

When **Leone Helmsley** died she left a trust fund of \$10 million in her will for her nine-year-old **Maltese dog**. Last week, **Judge Renée Roth** reduced the trust fund amount from 10 million to 2 million. The 8 million will go to **Helmsley's** other charities. Shed no tears for the **Maltese dog**, \$2 million will buy lots of walks, petting, good food, and the best care available. If you think we **Americans** are crazy spending millions of dollars on our pets every year, in **England**, pet owners spent \$4 million on their dogs, there are dog houses for sale at \$35,000, cashmere blankets for \$4000. Problem is pet owners treat their dogs as a substitute child and spend a fortune in diamond collars and handmade clothing, plus throwing elaborate parties for their pets. There is a website for pet clothing, www.pamperedpucci.com.

I'm afraid it's a little too much for me, but, to each his own. Worthy animal causes that need donations and help, www.wildlife.org, In **Defense of animals**, www.idausa.org. **Doris Day** at www.ddal.org, and the **Farm Sanctuary** www.farmsanctuary.org.

The tiger, once numbered in the hundreds of thousands and ranged all over **Asia**, is now being eliminated by the poaching and illegal wildlife trade. Help is needed now. Visit www.wildlife.org/tigers for more information.

Good news for frogs. **Japanese** scientists unveiled the latest in genetic engineering. A frog with see-through skin, whose organs can be studied without dissection.

Fishermen in **North Thailand** caught a 646 pound **Mekong** giant catfish believed to be the largest freshwater fish ever caught. The 9-foot-long fish was caught last month by local villagers.

If you are a male **Hyena**, don't come on too fast or rough. Males who harass and try to dominate females, get the brush off. Those who approached gently, make friends and offer their grooming services, tend to sire the most puppies.

How sad, after suffering from years of destructive fishing practices, the **Philippines' Apo Reef** has now been protected by a fishing ban. The reef was once one of the world's premier diving destination, but years of fishing practices including use of dynamite and cyanide have taken their toll.

Some dogs have two lives. Chase, a 125-pound **Rottweiler** who lives in **Illinois** suffered only minor injuries when he was caught in a tornado last week. Owner **Sydney Holmes** forgot to bring Chase into the house when the storm hit. **Helena Bullinger** saw the dog trapped in a funnel cloud. She said, he was just twirling around and around, he kept getting higher and higher. The tornado carried chase over 500 feet and dropped him into a marshy field. Owner, **Sydney** found him soaking wet and shivering with just a few minor scrapes. His wife **Wendy** said. It was a blessing from **God** that he wasn't hurt.

With costs of living rising, most pet owners are looking for bargains. Pop on down to **Linda's Claws and Paws** pet store, there is a 25% discount on selected shampoos plus 25% off selected dog treats, and **Linda** is offering **FREE DELIVERY to Ojai and Montecito**. The store specializes in raw food diets and hosts a non-anesthetic dental clinic every and month. It was voted best pet store for four years running. Located at **1865 E. Main St. Ventura, 805-648-6060**, it's a customer friendly store.

A research team in **Bonn, Germany** has uncovered a burrow containing 1600 nuts, probably hidden by a large hamster. The nuts are all fossils and were buried 17 million years ago.

Did you know, the average spider can weave a web in 45 to 60 minutes.

Myrmecologists will have an easier time fact finding, thanks to the first database of the worlds 11,000 known ant species. Ants are the most common life form on earth and the combined weight of all the ants in the world is greater than the combined weight of all humans.

After mapping the mice chromosome, evidence indicates humans share 98 percent of our genes with mice. There is only 1 percent less than the variations between humans and chimpanzees, perhaps that's why we like bananas and cheese?

If you want to keep out of jail, don't register your dog to vote. A **West Palm Beach** woman registered her pet poodle to vote in the last election. She is now facing a felony charge.

Is your dog happy living with you? There is a new collar on the market called, moody pet collar, works like a mood ring worn by humans. The colors

supposedly change with the dog's moods and temperament, do they work? I don't know, if any reader knows, please let us know.

Time to paws and reflect. When you have an old dog, you learn that old age isn't so bad after all.

Peace to all living beings on earth.

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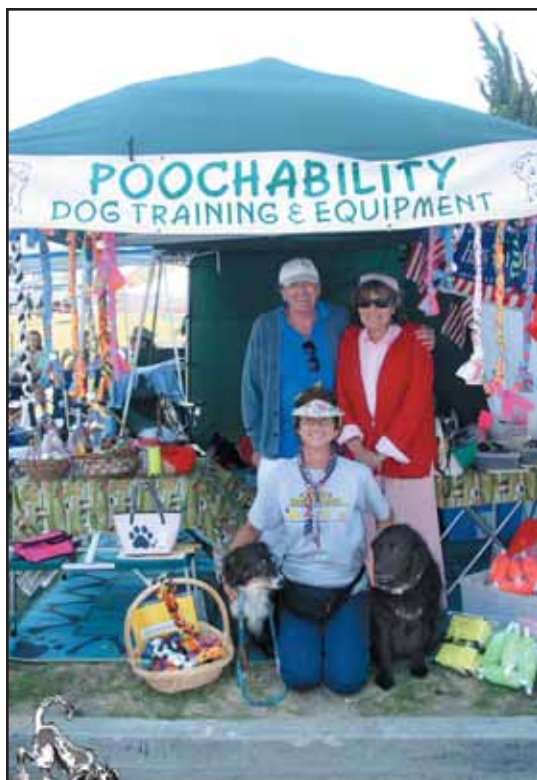
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Mr. Wiggles casts a discerning eye over the glamorous canines competing in the **Seaside Dog Show**. Not to be outdone, **Mr. Wiggles** (above) arrived dressed "pour la plage" in a cabana striped terry cover up and hood. (Below) Poochability, Laurie Burnam, Poo & Bob Schaefer, Casey & Scout.



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VENTURA COUNTY WEIRD VIEWS

Number Ten: A Red Cross Hero

by **Richard Senate**

He's getting up in years now, he has problems getting in and out of cars. His hearing is going and his vision isn't what it was but old Number Ten still has the heart of a hero.

Number Ten is a German Shepard/Collie mix own by **Maria Tello**, a long time resident of the **Ojai Valley**. She says of her long time companion, "On a scale of 1 to 10—he's been a 12."

The dog was just three when he earned his hero designation. A two-year-old toddler wandered away from his parents. A search was launched. When the boy was at last discovered it was well past dark. The child was with Number Ten who was gently pushing him back towards his home.

At another time Maria took in four kittens and Number Ten would look after them, give them baths and made sure they stayed on the porch, retrieving any who strayed away. When a strange car would pull into the driveway the kittens would hide behind Number Ten so he could protect them.

When **Maria Tello** joined the **Ojai Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross**, Number Ten was her constant companion when she gave classes and attended meetings. When she taught Pet First Aid he was a willing partner letting students take his pulse and practice putting a muzzle on him. He also joined Maria in visits to nursing homes, hospitals and to those afflicted with Autism. He was always welcomed wherever he went. He marched in the **Ojai Valley Fourth of July** parade wearing his **Red Cross First Aid** saddlebag.

Number Ten also has another distinction. He was named to the board of directors on the **Ojai Valley Red Cross**, a position he accepted by

offering his paw to shake. He seemed to take his duties seriously and acted as official greeter, escorting members to their seats. Once, when a speaker was given ten minutes to speak, number ten gently reminded him when the fellow had finished his allotted time.

Perhaps his greatest claim to fame was the fact that he could talk! This skill was featured in an **LA Times** article and also TV programs. He couldn't say much but it was clear and distinct. All he could say was, "I love you."

The origin of his unique name comes from the number ten kennel cage he was in when Maria adopted him. She asked a friend to help find a name for the dog, she said "we can't keep calling him Number Ten." When she said this the dog's ears perked up and he came to her. It was his name from then on.

Number Ten is now semi-retired but he still likes to visit the senior citizen's adult day care, perhaps its because he is one of them now. He's a survivor of skin cancer and he's deaf and can't

say "I love you" as clearly as he once did. He lives a life of comfort in these the sunset years of his life. Maria reports that, "I spend a great many evenings with him at my side quietly reading or watching TV."

Someday, when his time comes, a special place should be found in the valley for his grave. An artist should sculpt a statue of this local hero of the Red Cross so that future generations will know of this remarkable dog and his many contributions.

"God bless us everyone."

- **Richard Senate, Oak View**
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Kangen Water - Kuhn and Huizenga families. See article "The Water You Drink", page 14.

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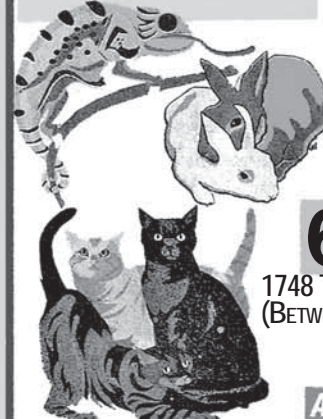
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The Water You Drink...

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Then we were touted to drink bottled water. However, it has recently come to light that 40% of bottled water is municipal water that has been reprocessed and has additional chemicals added to it to improve the taste. Then it is packaged in thin plastic bottles that can leach plastic into the water when exposed to heat and light. We are then charged a great deal of money for this water, and finally, those plastic bottles fill our landfills.

Then we have distilled water. Sounds harmless enough, but this water is void of minerals. Over an extended period of time, distilled water will actually cause the minerals your body needs, to be sucked right out of your bones, leaving your bones deficient of the very minerals they need to stay strong and healthy.

Years ago we were introduced to an expensive filtration system for the house, called a **Reverse Osmosis System**. Unfortunately, we were misguided again; as **Reverse Osmosis** water is also void of minerals and referred to as 'dead water'. This water as well as the above-mentioned waters is 'acidic'.

Acidity is a whole other topic. It is believed by many doctors today that the root of all illness and disease is Acidity and the build up of Toxins in the body. Unfortunately most all tap water, bottled water, distilled water and **Reverse Osmosis** water, is highly acidic.

After testing, with a simple pH testing liquid some of the most popular bottled water, we found many of them to be highly acidic. It has been proven that our bodies work optimally at a pH level of slightly alkaline – just over 7.3 on the pH scale.

In the 1930s a **Nobel Prize** was awarded to a **German Scientist** by the name of **Otto Warburg**, who proved that cancer thrives in an acidic body.

Did you know that acid is the cause of inflammation? Did you know that dehydration is at the root of many diseases?

Did you know that aging is a function of cellular water loss? 50-75 percent of

Americans are chronically dehydrated. There are over 100 books written on the topic of Water. Many Doctors and researchers today highly recommend drinking a minimum of 1/2 ounce of the appropriate water for each

pound that you weigh. The consensus of the appropriate water is:

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It's important to note that with the findings from **Dr. Warburg** and other scientists/researchers, **"DISEASE CANNOT EXIST IN AN ALKALINE BODY"**

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Company Cat of the month



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Zorro, a swashbuckling black and white tuxedo cat with thick black fur and huge topaz colored eyes is the in house manager of **Ventura Leather**.

Zorro holds court during store hours with a bevy of beautiful young women (**Brenda Ortiz**, above) who are also sales clerks. Speaking of Zorro, owner **Joe Beltran** says "he's the boss!"

Clients come into the shop daily just to see Zorro, who loves the attention. Currently Joe is working to expand Zorro's collection of leather biking outfits with a new hand made leather vest. "Come on down to my place" sez Zorro!

Adopt a Pet: Jeb !



Photo © 2008, Joel Anderson

Jeb is pictured with volunteer Susan Carrol

Jeb's family lost their home and left **Ventura** when they could no longer afford housing. Jeb is a handsome 2 year old **Australian Cattle Dog** mix who gets along well with children, cats and other dogs. He is house trained and prefers to be sleeping at your feet when indoors. He loves to play ball, and is of course a very intelligent guy who is eager to please.

To meet Jeb call **The Canine Adoption Rescue League** at **652-1001**. Every Saturday and Sunday **CARL** hosts a meet and greet for perspective dog owners behind the **Ventura Pet Barn** on **Telegraph Rd.**

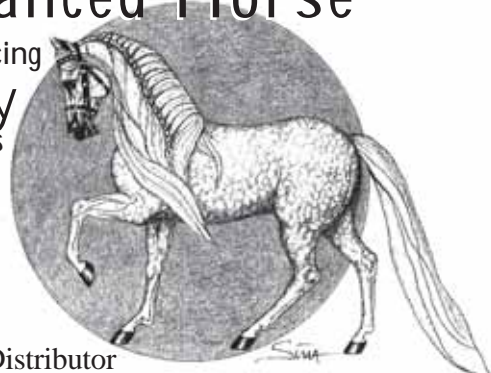
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Photographer Tim Hauf Revisits Channel Islands

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Channel Islands National Park and National Marine Sanctuary, a pictorial book by **Tim Hauf**, has just been released twelve years after **Hauf's** first pictorial essay on the **Channel Islands**. For **Hauf** this twelve year span has seen marked changes in the progress of the islands' return to the native flora and fauna endemic to the region.

Hauf was originally contacted by the **Channel Islands Park Service** to document the five islands with a body of photographic work updating their files and providing images for the **Park Museum and Visitors Center**. Initially interested in photographing the **Channel Islands** as an opportunity for adventure, **Hauf** found himself being drawn by the rich history and human drama of these islands. Born in **North**

Dakota and raised in a small town farming family, **Hauf** is a man of few words and feels comfortable with the isolation of the islands and the amount of patience needed to capture the native wildlife without disturbing them.

San Miguel Island is world famous for its seal and sea lion population and more species of **Pinnipeds** can be found at **Point Bennett** than anywhere else in the world. Extreme care must be used in photographing them because, if startled, sea lions can stampede, crushing their pups in the process. Once hunted for their oil and skins these fascinating creatures now bask on the wide sandy beaches of **San Miguel** where they gather with other seals and sea lions under the protection of the park service.

The **Park Service Rangers** give guided tours and have naturalists who take visitors on guided hikes and day trips. Making over 50 trips to the islands in the last fifteen years, **Hauf** usually travels alone, choosing one island per trip and going out on foot with his Canon 35 mm, tripod and lenses. Rising before dawn and staying out

until after sunset **Hauf** covers as much as 20 miles a day in search of the perfect shot. Although going digital a few years ago, he still uses his Noblex film camera for panoramic shots such as those which were

made **Hauf** an internationally recognized photographer with images appearing in such publications as **Sunset, Islands, Asia Pacific Travel, Explore, Terre Sauvage, South Africa Times** and others.

Hauf's new book of **Channel Islands National Park** with text by **Conger Beasley** has an almost poetic beauty about it. Rich in content, this pictorial book offers a colorful account of the history of the islands as well as excerpts from diaries of people, now long gone, who populated them. The result is a collectible book that is not only readable, but also informative and movingly beautiful.

In 1980 the **Channel Islands** became a **National Park** and



Tall Ship Californian through Arch Rock, Anacapa Island

Photos © Tim Hauf

are gradually being brought back to their original habitat. The delicate balance of nature of the islands which had been created over thousands of years is now being restored. Adapting to the small protrusions of land over thousands of years the animal population has produced several species which are specific to the **Channel Islands**. The intrusion of the **Golden Eagle** on the islands had wreaked havoc on the endemic **Island Red Fox**, hunting them to near extinction. The park service has been removing the **Golden Eagle**, and now the **Bald Eagle**, which is native to the island, is beginning to reestablish itself. Plant life which had found their way to the island, interfering with the native ecological balance, such as fennel or licorice plant are gradually being eradicated. Vegetation which had been nearly obliterated by the over grazing of sheep, horses and cattle is now beginning to reestablish itself, which will help hold the soil against the erosive effect of the elements.

Each island being unique to itself, **Hauf** has had many adventures in exploring and photographing them. During one of his trips, the captain of the visiting tall ship, **The Californian**, heard that there was a professional photographer on the islands and invited **Hauf** on board to photograph the ship, and the students who were on board for **Semester at Sea**. In payment for his services, the captain asked Tim if he would like to photograph the **Californian** in full sail. Thrilled with this rare opportunity **Hauf** accepted the challenge and set out in choppy seas with only one guide to put some distance between his lens and the **Californian**. Smiling wryly, he recounts that this pushed his ability to tolerate oceanic motion to the near maximum. Riding the bobbing skiff in choppy seas, he had to synchronize the shutter closing with the apex of the swell of the waves to minimize camera motion. The result was the perfect shot of the tall ship in full sail framed by the famous **Arch Rock of Anacapa Island**. This is the kind of commitment and tenacity that has



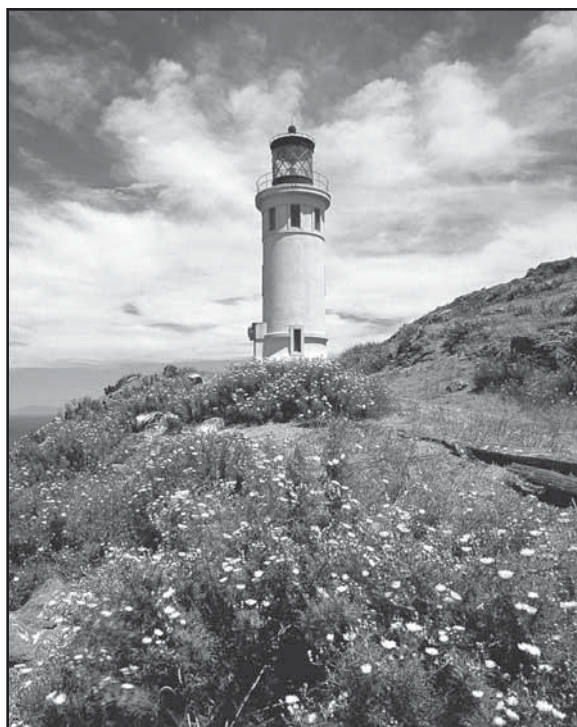
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Over thousands of years, the islands have evolved and have inevitably shrunk with rising seas and the erosive effects of sea and wind. Yet there is a timeless quality to **Hauf's** photographs and a sense of reverence in **Beasley's** text for the **Chumash**

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Indians who inhabited the Islands before the influx of explorers and trappers nearly drove them to extinction.



Lighthouse, Anacapa Island

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With the publication of his book, **Channel Islands National Park and National Marine Sanctuary**, Hauf leaves his own footprint on the rocky coastline and sandy beaches of the islands, preserving the beauty of the islands for future generations. Inevitably the prints of his boot upon the sand will be erased by time and shifting winds but his photographs will be preserved forever.

Having traveled to such remote locations as **Nepal, Patagonia, Manitoba Canada and South Africa** on photographic expeditions, Hauf still puts **The Channel Islands** at the top of his list of favorite destinations. When asked where he plans to travel in the future Hauf smiles, says “anywhere” and chuckles.

Channel Islands National Park and National Marine Sanctuary by **Tim Hauf and Conger Beasley Jr.**, can be purchased at any major bookstore.

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Cool Clear Water...

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If any of these symptoms sound familiar you might want to reconsider your horses diet. **Alfalfa** should be kept at about 10 to 12 percent for a horse in competition or a mare in foal or lactating.

While horses are eating their grass hay they should be doing so at or slightly above ground level. Hay nets and feeders that are placed at a level above the horses shoulder should not be used. If a horse has to consistently reach up to pull hay out of a feeder or haynet they can actually misalign their TMJ. Putting the head down to eat stimulates the salivary and other digestive aid glands to start working. A horse can produce up to 10 gallons of saliva a day and most of what is fed to horses these days is dry feed they probably need all of that just to support digestion.

That brings us to another subject. **WATER!** Have you ever been really thirsty and all that was available to drink from was a very small paper cup. What happens? You end up slurping air and refilling the tiny cup several times just to get your thirst satisfied.

So it is for the horse. The small water bowls that are in most stalls for one thing are placed too high and for another horses tend to slurp air with their water, not a good thing especially since horses can't burp. Water should be plentiful and clean. If you live in the city and water is chlorinated you could try a chlorine filter on the hose you fill your horses water container with. These types of filters can be purchased at a water, RV, or hardware store. Or you can use two water buckets and fill one while your horse uses the other and the second one can gas off the chlorine.

Horses need up to

12 gallons a day of clean fresh water. A horse can hold about 3-4 gallons of water at a time, so they need to drink 3 to 4 times a day. There may be variations depending on weather, size of horse, competition etc. I have an **Arabian** and a **half-draft**. The **Arabian** weighing around 1100 lbs. and the half-draft weighing around 2000 lbs. The **Arabian** is very conservative with her water consumption being a desert type horse but the half-draft on a hot day (which we have had several of lately) can consume as much as 25 gallons of water a day. That would be hard for her to get in one of the small sippy cup type water bowls provided for some horses. I use either the white or blue food grade 50 or 55 gallon barrels that some feed stores sell. Most have been used for water storage or juice for institutional facilities. Just check with the store you are buying them from and they should be able to tell you what was in them.

Take the barrel home and cut it in half so each half sits on an end and you have two water tubs. The inexpensive muck bucket type buckets found at some hardware or big box stores or even grocery stores I have found are not good enough quality plastic for water buckets. The best use for them is icing down soda or beer.

More on water and supporting digestion next time.

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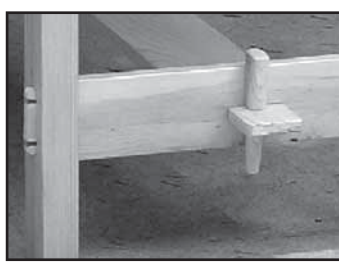
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Famed Skateboarder shredder and musician, Ray Barbee, playing his Fender at Jester for Skate Ojai fundraiser.

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...it works out. The band as a whole came up with the name," said **Billy Davis**, keyboardist for **Ventura band Emil Bus** in a recent interview.

"We were trying to be as close to **Sublime** as possible without being **Sublime**. We're a **Sublime Tribute** band. **The Skadaddyz...** we were just talking about a reunion. We're the closest to a reunion we've ever been. We all want to get just the original members back. We've been the **Skadaddyz** for 12 or thirteen years, and now we've started up as **Emil Bus** the "**Sublime**" tribute band. But it's always been "our" style of music a little bit **Ska, Rap, Reggae and Punk**. The bass player **Dave**, the bassist, is from **Oxnard shores**, **Darren** the guitar player and **Bobby Campbell**, the singer are from **Silver Strand**. **Alex**, our drummer was from **Newbury Park** but lives in **Silver Strand** now too. We all surf. We're all still surfing that's how we all know each other originally, from hanging around the beach.

Back in the 90s there was a lot more influence in "live jam" which was really big around **Ventura County**.

Now, they have all kind of faded off, where DJ's are really big. I think everything goes in a trend and now it's going back the other way. Like, the bands disappeared for awhile. I think if the

right bands popped up..... There's a place for both DJ's and live music. There are different crowds, there's the dance crowd and then there's the other crowd.

We've been playing at **Rookees** a lot and it's been a really good crowd and that's more of a live music crowd. They (**Rookees**) hold their own. Those people go there specifically for live music and the ambience, whereas like... other places like **Hush** or **Karma** are more like a nightclub. **Rookees** are the ones that are really going to bring back the live music. They do a really good job. Before them **Bombay** was having live music. All the other places were "bring your own PA and play". **Rookees** is setting up a stage and a really good sound system and they are bringing in big acts.

Also, I was going to tell you that I opened up a tequila bar on main street called the **El Rey**. We opened that about three months ago. It's on **Main Street**. My partner and I used to own **Table 13**, which was more of a nightclub. It's called **Hush** now. He and I became friends.



Phil Salazar, Tom Corbett, Hans Ottsen, Artists for Obama fundraiser party at the El Roblar Estates.

We always wanted to open another bar, one where you could go and relax and have cocktails, not a club scene. Just kind of social hang-out, playing rock n' roll music over the juke box. Kind of bringing an L.A. "after work" vibe to **Ventura**, where you can come for a couple margaritas, have some good affordable food and listen to good music. We serve Mexican food. We're still feeling out what our place is, but the other day we had a band on Sunday



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Emil Bus at Rookees in Ventura, June 20

night called **Rey Fresco** who I believe just won the battle of the bands at **Rookees**. The turnout was really good and even though it's a smaller place it really turned out great. We're building a stage now to have live music, small bands.

Emil Bus; we have two different drummers. **David Hays** is our original **Skadaddyz** drummer. We have another drummer now, original to **Emil Bus**, a guy named **Alex**. **Bobby**, our front man and singer and **Darren Cruz**. We just

did a block party for him, and his kid was up there rocking out, singing and playing. I've been doing the keyboards for a long time now. When I dropped off with the **Skadaddyz**, I started doing more solo keyboards. I started getting into a piano act like, "dueling pianos".

Where you name a song and whatever you name we'll play it. Me and Dave, our drummer are kind of working on that.

The downtown **Ventura** is getting a lot more sophisticated. The music scene is making it's way back. It seems like every month they are opening a new bar down town. It's getting more like **Santa Barbara** where you can park your car at one place and there's all these different restau-

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For the past month you couldn't even traverse **California Street** because it was closed to through traffic. The worst part is when they do stop the majority of the heavy construction... sometime closer to the end of the year, the streets will still have to be paved or overlaid.

So all in all we might just as well call 2008 a complete loss for the downtown area of **Ventura**, and once again you have the excellent planning of the **Gang in the Ivory Tower** to thank.

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rants and venues to walk to.

Most of the time our practices are on the beach. There's a little place called the **Beachcombers**. The beauty of this band is the members are so talented when there's a new song we want to learn we just go on down to **Beachcombers**. **Beachcombers** is basically our practice room. The owners love us so they say "anytime you want to play, come on down"...

We have a whole new following now, everyone loved **Sublime**, so when we go out of town everybody knows who **Sublime** is, so we always have an audience. That's what's so much better than being with **Skadaddyz** vs. this. It's different than the **Skadaddyz** where we had to advertise and we had to make sure people knew we were going to be there and what type of music we played. With **Sublime**, when they hear "**Sublime Tribute Band**" everyone just shows up. Everytime we play there's always someone who shows up and says "hey I have a bar" or "hey I have a restaurant"...

What's good about this band is that we're all a little bit older now, we all have day jobs, and this is what we do for fun", said Davis.

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(1) None of **Los Padres Forests** seven **HIRAs** have been approved by the **Recreation Resource Advisory Committee**.

(2) The agency's accounting of fee revenues and expenditures is, according to the **GAO**, inconsistent with federal financial accounting standards.

(3) Fee program overheads, limited by the **FLREA** to 15% of revenues, are usually double or triple this percentage when costs are included for enforcement, **Recreation Resource Advisory Committees**, annual nationwide meetings of forest fee managers, and costly court cases brought by the agency against forest visitors who had not paid a fee for parking.

In summary, the **US Forest Service** must have its fee site authority terminated by **Congress**. It is clearly not accountable to **Congress** or the **American public** when it creates its own fee areas (**HIRAs**), when it levies fees all over the nation at trailheads which are specifically meant to be fee exempt, and when so much of its fee revenue stream goes to program overhead.

Los Padres Forest is also suffering from the **Recreation Facility Analysis** process, created without **Congress** approval, which proposes changes at 62 of the forests 108 developed recreation sites. 10 sites will have reduced seasons of operation, 5 sites will have amenities removed, and 3 sites will see fee

increases. The **REA** process is specifically designed to concentrate **FLREA** fee authority, by closing sites that will not pay their way. Neither the reduced seasons, the removal of amenities or new/increased fees are supported by local forest visitors.

Please, therefore, act to terminate the **FLREA** and to return forest fees to the language in the **Land and Water Conservation Fund Act** that covered fees before **Fee Demo** was enacted in 1996.

Thank you for this important opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely,
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Bad Ego Trip rocks San Souci in Ventura.

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- July 11 - Karma Lounge - Shifty of Crazy Town (641-9090)
- July 11 - It's All Good - The Ray Jay Band (641-9951)
- July 11 - Movino - Mari Martin (646-1555)
- July 11 - Pierpont Inn - Dale Spaulding (653-6144 x 142)
- July 11 - Rookees - Hoochie Coo (648-6862)
- July 11 - San Souci - Tom with the Weather (643-4539)
- July 11 - Zoey's - Cindy Alexander, Judy Valencerina (652-1137)
- July 11 - Capistrano's - Sound Effect (984-2500)
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- July 12 - It's All Good - Tone Killer Z (641-9951)
- July 12 - Movino - Short Term the Cave Worm (646-1555)
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- July 12 - Rookees - Whole Lotta Rosies (648-6862)
- July 12 - San Souci - Corpse I Sold (643-4539)
- July 12 - Zoey's - Jeff Kaiser (652-1137)
- July 13, Sun - Bombay - House Arrest (643-4404)
- July 13 - Dargan's - Cuinas (648-3001)
- July 13 - Deer Lodge - The Snobs

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- July 16 - Cafe Fiore - Frank Barajas (653-1266)
 - July 16 - Hush Restaurant and Lounge - Reggae (648-1462)
 - July 16 - Rookees - Battle of the Bands (648-6862)
 - July 16 - Sans Souci - Stun Denim (643-4539)
 - July 16 - Cafe Bella - Rikka Z and Bruce Kimmel (643-2171)
 - July 16 - Bombay - Davey Miller (643-4404)
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 - July 17 - Pangea - DJ-Party-Dancing (641-1500)
 - July 18 - Rookees - Mini Driver (648-6862)
 - July 18, Fri - Ventura Theatre - International Actors & Stephen Bishop (639-3965)
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 - July 19, Sat - Dargans - Live Traditional Irish Music (648-3001)
 - July 19 - Deer Lodge - Iron Mountain Boys (646-4256)
 - July 19 - It's All Good - J.T. Wendy Lee & Friends (641-9951)
 - July 19 - The Village Jester - Jackie Lomax (640-8001)
 - July 19 - Pangea - DJ - Party - Dancing (641-1500)
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 - July 24, Thurs - Deer Lodge - Barney & Rosie (646-4256)
 - July 24 - Zoey's - The Bluegrass Jam (652-1137)
 - July 24 - Rookees - Frank Barajas (648-6862)
 - July 24 - Karma - Steel Panther (641-9090)
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- July 25 - It's All Good - The Ray Jay Band (641-9951)
- July 26, Sat - Dargan's - Live Traditional Irish Music (648-3001)
- July 26 - Zoey's - Lee Koch (652-1137)
- July 26 - Rookees - Mommy's Little Monsters - Social Distortion Tribute (648-6862)
- July 26 - It's All Good - Cosolive (641-9951)
- July 26 - The Village Jester - Morganfield Burrett (640-8001)
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- July 31 - Rookees - Surf Night (648-6862)
- July 31 - Karma - Steel Panther (641-9090)
- July 31 - Chumash Casino Resort - Juan Luis Guerra (1-800-Chumash)
- July 31 - It's All Good - Led Zeplica (641-9951)
- July 31 - Pangea - DJ - Party - Dancing (info 641-1500)
- August 1, Fri - Zoey's - Cantina

- Concert - Perla Batalla (652-1137)
- August 1 - Rookees - Big River - Johnny Cash Tribute (648-6862)
- August 1 - Pangea - DJ - Party - Dancing (info 641-1500)
- August 2, Sat - Dargan's - Live Traditional Irish Music (648-3001)
- August 2 - Zoey's - Stacy Clark (652-1137)
- August 2 - Rookees - DRM (648-6862)
- August 2 - Pangea - DJ - Party - Dancing (info 641-1500)
- August 2 - Santa Barbara Bowl - Slightly Stoopid (568-2695)
- August 2 - Santa Barbara Bowl - Steve Miller Band - Joe Cocker (568-2695)
- August 2 - Karma - Steel Panther (641-9090)
- August 8 - Zoey's - Frankie Fuchs (652-1137)
- August 8 - Rookees - Hoochie Coo (648-6862)
- August 8 - Deer Lodge - Chronic Stew (646-4256)
- August 8 - Dargan's - Live Traditional Irish Music (648-3001)
- August 8 - Zoey's - Jim Christie (652-1137)
- August 8 - Rookees - Identity Theft 80's Party (648-6862)
- August 12 - Ventura Theatre - Immortal Technique (639-3965)



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Daisy-licious,(left), Brittney-titus, and Jenny Lee enjoying the VIEW in Ventura.

- (646-4256)
- July 13 - Pierpont Inn - Tim Buley (653-6144 x 142)
- July 13 - Sans Souci - The Dog and Pony Show (643-4539)
- July 13 - Ventura Theatre - Aleks Syntek (639-3965)
- July 15, Tues - Cafe Fiore - Davey Miller (653-1266)
- July 15 - Dargan's - The Johnson Account (648-3001)
- July 16, Wed. - Bombay - Live Jazz

- Resort - Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons (1-800-Chumash)
- July 24 - Pangea - DJ - Party - Dancing (641-1500)
- July 25, Fri - Deer Lodge - California Shakes (646-4256)
- July 25 - Zoey's - Julie Christensen (652-1137)
- July 25 - Rookees - Big River - Johnny Cash Tribute (648-6862)
- July 25 - Ventura Theatre

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